

A King is Chosen

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1 Samuel 10:17-27

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We've been here before, Mizpah:

- After ark debacle; people confessed, prayed & sacrificed at Mizpah
- God delivered Israelites from Philistines by thundering
- Stone of Remembrance - Ebenezer set up
- Samuel starts with history lesson¹⁸⁻¹⁹ God's people to be set-apart
- Rebuke for identifying with the world – present yourself^{Josh7:14} ...
- Apply: How do you desire to "fit-in" with the world around you?

A Solemn Summons

- What was the tone of the message Samuel delivered???
- Harkens back to Achan's sin^{Josh7:13}; present yourselves...
- Lots cast all the way down to choosing Saul²¹ God's choice
- Saul shouldn't have been surprised: 3 signs^{10:2-6}
- So why choose Saul by lot?
 - God's provision was His form of judgment
 - Showed Saul was God's choice for the people^{Josh18;Lev16}

A Reluctant Prince

- But Saul could NOT be found²¹! Hiding in the baggage
- Why?
 - Was Saul humble? Knew he wasn't qualified?
 - Was he a coward? I think he was fearful, not humble
- *True humility is the displacement of self by the enthronement of God*^{Andrew Murray}

The King Presented 23

- Timid Saul, hiding, drug out standing tall and handsome²³
- Samuel present Saul as God's choice: they called him king
- Saul looked like the king they wanted -outwardly impressive
- Beware God will give us over to what we demand^{Rom1:24,26,28}
- Stop trying to run your own life, rest in God's sovereignty

All Are Under God's Law

- Samuel reminds people of rights & duties of kingship²⁵
- God's law addresses this^{Deut17:14-20}; king is under God's Law
- Note: govt authority comes from God as a covenant to enforce His laws! {was founding principle of USA}
- Note just kings called to obey God's law, but all^{Rom6:14-15}
- We aren't saved because we are holy; God saves His people so that they might be holy^{1Pt1:15}

A Division Within Israel

- Everyone sent home²⁵; Saul went to Gibeah (close to Samuel)
- Some grumbled^{10:27} describe like sons of Eli^{2:12}
- Saul was restrained, held his peace

So What?

- Saul foreshadows and contrasts our Real King Jesus!
- Jesus was the solution^{Rm3:25;4:24-25}
- Just as Saul's coronation brought division; Jesus divides the world
- Jesus also holds His peace against those who grumble against Him, but He won't forever^{2Thes1:7-10}
- So what king do you choose? 2 Thes 1:11-12