

THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD ON DISPLAY AS SAUL MEETS SAMUEL

(1 Samuel 9)

I. SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)

II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

A. Israel REJECTS Samuel's sons as Judges (8:1-5)

B. Israel REJECTS God as King (8:5-9)

C. Samuel CAUTIONS Israel about the ABUSE of Power (8:10-18)

D. Israel DEMANDS a HUMAN King (8:19-22)

E. The INTRODUCTION of a man named SAUL (9:1-14)

1. Saul was from the tribe of _____, the son of Kish. (9:1)

2. Saul's physical _____ was striking, not only was he more _____ than your average male Israelite, but he was also _____ than anyone else. (9:2)

* Does Saul's name have any significant meaning?

* What was the catalyst for Saul's adventurous search?

* How does Saul's response to his servant give us some insight into his spiritual condition?

3. Saul was willing to return, but his servant remembered that nearby there was "a man of _____" of which was said, "He is an _____ man; all that he says _____ comes to pass." (9:6-14)

* What did the Lord do as a preliminary before Samuel and Saul's acquaintance?

F. SAUL meets God's prophet SAMUEL (9:15-27)

1. Saul was looking for Samuel the _____, while Samuel was looking for Saul the Lord's _____, and they both providentially found each other. (9:15-19)

* What is interesting about the word "*reign*" in v. 17?

* What is telling about the repetition of the phrase "*My people*" found in verses 16 and 17?

* How did Samuel display his God given prophetic insight?

2. Saul expressed extreme _____ claiming that he was from the _____ of the 12 tribes of Israel, and that his immediate family was the _____ of all the families of that tribe. (9:21)

3. Samuel honored Saul by seating him at the place of _____ at the table, and by giving him a special _____ of meat. (9:22-24)

G. Samuel PRIVATELY ANOINTS Saul as King (10:1)

* How does this chapter apply to you personally?