

Lesson 4
Saul Is Made King
(1 Samuel 10:1 – 12:25)

Questions

1. What three signs did Samuel give to Saul after he anointed Saul to be king (10:1-8)?

2. What did Saul do with the band of prophets and what question was asked (10:9-16)?

3. What did Saul tell his uncle (10:14-16)?

4. What did Samuel say to the children of Israel at Mizpah and what did he do with Saul there (10:17-24)?

5. Who followed Saul the king and who did not follow him (10:25-27)?

6. What problem did the men of Jabesh-gilead face and what did they do about it (11:1-5)?

7. What did Saul and the men of Israel and Judah do for the men of Jabesh (11:6-11)?

8. What request did Saul refuse and what did Samuel and the people do at Gilgal (11:12-15)?

9. What did Samuel say in his address to Israel about the following (12:1-14):
 - a) himself (12:1-5)?

- b) the righteous acts of the Lord (12:6-13)?
- c) their responsibility to serve the Lord (12:14-15)?

d) his call unto the Lord (12:16-18)?

e) their evil and wicked behavior and the Lord's response to it (12:19-25)?

Digging Deeper

1. Located the following on a map: Zelzah (10:2), Gilgal (10:8; 11:14), Mizpah (10:17), Gibeah (10:26; see Isa. 10:29), Jabesh-gilead (11:1-5), and Bezek (11:8).
2. What is the "high place" (10:5, 13)?
3. How long did Saul reign as king (11:15; Acts 13:41)?
4. Who were Jerubbaal and Bedan? Where are they, along with Jephthah, mentioned in the book of Judges (12:11)?

Applications for Today

1. "God is with you" when you are with him (10:7; Deut. 20:1; Josh. 1:5; 1 Chron. 28:20).
2. Just as Saul was controlled by the Spirit of God, so Christians today are to be led by the Spirit of God (10:10; 11:6; Rom. 8:9, 14; 1 Cor. 3:16; Phil. 3:3; 1 Pet. 4:14).
3. When you fight a battle (whether physical or spiritual) with others, it is best to fight it united "as one man" (11:7; Eph. 4:1-6; 6:10-18).
4. Let us live a life of integrity before others (12:1-5; 1 Tim. 3:7).
5. The Lord has done so many wonderful things for us (12:6-13; Jn. 3:16).
6. We should never rebel, but always fear the Lord and follow him by giving him our whole-hearted service and obedience (12:14-15, 19-25; Phil. 2:12).

7. When you turn aside from following the Lord, you turn aside after “vain things which cannot profit or deliver” (12:21; Mt. 15:9; Rom. 1:21; 1 Cor. 3:20; Tit. 3:9).
8. The Lord will not forsake his people (12:22; Rom. 11:1; 2 Tim. 2:19).
9. Do not sin by ceasing to pray for others (12:23; Eph. 1:16; Col. 1:9; 1 Tim. 2:1-2).
10. God’s word shows us “the good and right way” (12:23; Eph. 5:9).
11. We are to serve the Lord “in truth” (12:24; Josh. 24:14; Jn. 4:23-24).