

“POWER AND CHARACTER”

1 Samuel 10:9-12

Our text: Saul chosen by God. He needs both supernatural power and character to enter into his destiny.

I. POWER FOR YOUR PURPOSE

A. God had a plan for Saul's life: He was chosen by God to be King

1. But he felt inadequate: Didn't feel he could do the job
 - a. He spoke inadequacy: **1 Samuel 9:21**
 - b. He wouldn't tell his Uncle what God said
 - c. Finally he wound up hiding from God on the day he was chosen **1 Samuel 10: 22**

2. So with Saul's calling – God supplies a supernatural dimension

a. **1 Samuel 10:1** *Samuel took a jar of olive oil and poured it on Saul's head...*

1. Oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit: God's power at work in human lives

a. One meaning of anointing is “to supply what is lacking – to equip”

b. This is a promise from God: He will equip you to be able to do whatever He calls you to do

3. Samuel tells him he will be sued supernaturally in prophecy:

a. **1 Samuel 10:6** *Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you with power. You will prophesy with these prophets, and you will be changed into a different man.*

b. A supernatural dimension is good/necessary: *You can't do God's will in your own power*

1. All of the calling texts speak of supernatural power

c. You need to seek to be used in a supernatural way now: *To activate miracle power in your life*

1. Miracle money/healing/prophecy/word of knowledge/deliverance...

d. The supernatural dimension will help you with other people

1. **1 Samuel 10:11** When people who had known Saul before saw him prophesying with the prophets, they asked each other, “What has happened to Kish's son? Is even Saul one of the prophets?”

a. It gives people confidence/causes them to be drawn to you when they see evidence of HS

II. STOPPING SHORT

A. Saul made a mistake: He stopped at the supernatural dimension

1. He was happy enough to be used supernaturally – to be used in greater ways; But he stopped there

2. **Saul never developed a relationship with God:** *You never see Saul seeking God*

a. Maybe he allowed being used in a supernatural way to deceive him that he didn't need God

B. **Saul never developed character while being used of God**

1. God wants to use you supernaturally – but He definitely wants you to change/be a man of character

2. Being used of God can be dangerous if you don't interpret it correctly

a. You can see it as evidence God is pleased with every part of your life: Look how I'm being used!

b. You can assume that character doesn't matter

1. I've seen men who are doing better than others/while being deeply flawed/unspiritual: Dangerous

3. We fail to grasp the grace of God: God can use people who are flawed/have weaknesses

a. We shouldn't let grace fool us into thinking character doesn't matter

III. CHOOSING OUR FUTURE

A. Warning: if you don't develop character – one day it will catch you/destroy you

1. We will be exposed/we will do things that damage our destiny

B. God tries to help us change

1. The answer for Saul while being used of God while flawed – is a spiritual father

a. **1 Sam 10:12** *but who is their father?* Father: head of the school of the Prophets - instructor/founder

2. Who is the one who can aim you correctly? Who can correct you if necessary?

a. The mistake some make is they resent the ones who are to help them change/survive/enter destiny

1. If you have no real Pastor/or won't ask for help or won't listen – you will hurt your future

3. Those who develop both a supernatural dimension and in character survive over time – enter destiny