

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF

# 1 SAMUEL

[PART 17]

## THE ANOINTING AND THE HEART OF SAUL

*Reading: 1 Samuel 10:1 - 9*

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### Introduction

- Israel wanted change - to be ruled by kings instead of Judges.
- This was a rejection on Israel's part of God being their King.
- But God in his permissive will allowed it.
- Saul, the son of Kish, a wealthy Benjamite was to be Israel's first king.
- Saul set out in search of his father's lost donkeys and found a kingdom instead.

### 1 The Anointing Of Saul

- The 10th chapter opens with Samuel **'anointing'** Saul to be king.
- Previous to this only priests were anointed with oil. [Exodus 28:41].
- Now kings are anointed with oil. [1 Samuel 10:1].
- Later prophets will also be anointed with oil. [1 Kings 19:16].
- The anointing: a special coming of the Holy Spirit on an individual equipping/empowering them.
- [Matthew 3] Jesus anointed as Prophet, Priest and King.
- The Persian king Cyrus is referred to as **'the Lord's anointed.'** [Isaiah 45:1].
- Cyrus was set apart to allow the **'Jews'** to return to their land and rebuild their temple.
- In OT era, only special individuals were anointed.

## 2 Anointing In The New Testament

- In the NT this **'anointing'** was opened up to all God's children. [1 John 2:27].
- In [Acts 2] the **'anointing'** came upon the 120 in the upper room.
- They each received their own personal anointing.
- God has a sacred anointing: the Holy Spirit coming upon people, equipping/empowering them.
- Consider [Revelation 1:5/6], [Psalm 92:10] and [Isaiah 10:27]
- **Beware:** you can lose this anointing - Saul did.

## 3 Heart Of The Matter

- [10:9] **"God gave Saul a new heart."**
- The heart (Hebrew **'labe'**) refers to **'feelings, intellect, the will, motives and the whole inner person.'**
- In 1 Samuel heart/hearts mentioned 28 times.
- Hannah was grieved in her heart.
- Eli's heart trembled for the ark.
- The Philistines hardened their hearts.
- God looked for a man **'after His own heart.'**
- [1 Samuel 16:7] **"man looks on the outward appearance but God looks on the heart."**
- [Jeremiah 17:9] **"I the Lord search the heart."**
- Is this **'new heart'** the regenerated/saved heart of [Ezekiel 36:26]?
- The rest of Saul's life does **NOT** support that idea.
- God gave him a heart for government and statesmanship where previous he had a heart for farming.

## Conclusion

- What does the Great heart specialist see in our hearts?
- It is so vitally important that your heart is always right with God. [Psalm 51:10].
- Have you a heart for God and His Kingdom?

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