

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF

# 1 SAMUEL

[PART 18]

## A NEW KING AND HIS BAND

*Reading: 1 Samuel 10:17 - 27*

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### **Introduction**

- When Israel demanded a king like their neighbours, they were rejecting God as their King.
- God, however, gave them a king. [Hosea 13:11].
- Jehovah chose Saul of Kish to be Israel's first king.
- Samuel (the kingmaker) anointed Saul privately to be king.

### **1 The Public Proclaiming Of Saul As King**

- What had happened privately must now take place publicly.
- This took place at Mizpah. (watchtower/ may God watch over you.)
- All Israel assembled before Samuel in their respective tribes.
- Samuel begins proceedings with a history lesson [vs 18].
- Israel had forgotten Jehovah both individually and nationally.  
Britain beware!
- Never, never, never forget what God has done for you.
- ***'O God our Help in ages past, our hope for years to come.'***

## 2 Saul: Chosen By God And Confirmed By Man

- Lots were cast as first Saul's tribe and then his family and then he were chosen.
- Consider [Proverbs 16:33].
- Consider the word '**chosen**' used 3 times in [vs 20/21] and once in [vs 24].
- There is no such thing as chance. God chooses.
- The young Saul '**clothed in humility**' hides from the attention.

## 3 A Band Of Men

- [Vs 26] is the standout verse of the chapter.
- '**A band of men whose hearts God had touched.**' God gave this king in waiting a band.
- They didn't just agree with his nomination. They '**went with him.**'
- The key thing about them was their hearts.
- Has God touched your heart?
- A band of men and women went with Jesus. (Consider Luke 8:2/3).
- Whitewell has always had '**a band of men/women whose hearts God has touched,**' and it still has.
- God is still looking for such individuals for the next great push forward.

## 4 Despising The New King

- John G. Butler suggests that if [vs 26] is the blessing, then [vs 27] is the curse.
- Just as there were those who were for Saul, there were those who were against him.
- Notice Saul's gracious reaction: '**but he held his peace.**'
- They were and they still are divided over our King Jesus.
- There are those whose hearts are touched and then there are those who despise Him.

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