

From Donkey Kong to King Kong



1 Samuel 10 and 11

Saul Anointed by Samuel



Verse 9 – “changed his heart” NASB
“gave him another heart” KJV

Heb. Word – *leb* – center of the will,
even the intellect, feelings/emotions

God was working in Saul to make him
willing and able.

Philippians 2:13

“For it is God who is at work
in you to both to will and to
work for His good pleasure.”

Verse 6 – “changed into another man”

Heb. Word – *hapnek* = change, overturn, become

Enabled and empowered to do what was needed – enablement and power from the “Spirit of God” who comes over Saul so he *becomes* like the prophets praising and celebrating God (verses 10-13)

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

Third person of the God-head (Trinity)
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

What Does He Do?

In the OT the Holy Spirit came upon individuals to enable them to accomplish certain God-given tasks.

Examples: Bezalel and Oholiab
(Exodus 31:3-6, 35:30-35)

Examples Continued

- From the Book of Judges –
Othniel (3:10), Gideon (6:34),
Jephthah (11:29), Samson (14:19)
- 1 Samuel 10:10 and 11:6 – Saul
- The Holy Spirit gave the person the power to do what God asked or needed done, but it was a temporary manifestation, not a permanent, abiding influence.

The Holy Spirit in the New Testament and Today

- All believers receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at the time they place their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior (Acts 2:38, John 14:17, 2 Cor. 1:21-22)
- The Holy Spirit is a permanent, abiding influence, indwelling all believers.

Saul Propheying with the Prophets



Saul Among the Prophets



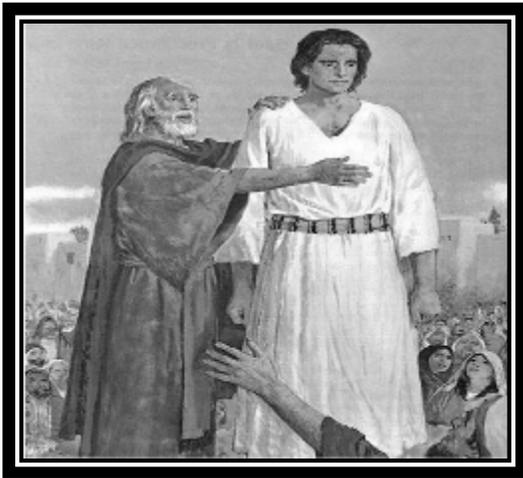
Saul Hiding Amongst the Baggage



Taken by Lots

- Lots were cast to discern God's choice.
- Proverbs 16:33 – "The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord."
- Urim and Thummim – Exodus 28:30
Kept in the High Priest's breastplate for determining the will of God

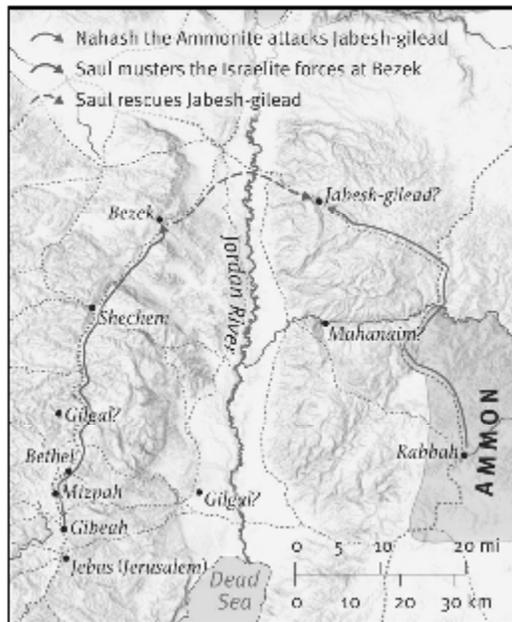
Saul Selected by Lots as King



Characteristics of Righteous Anger

1. You are reacting against actual sin. You are angry about what makes God angry.
2. You are more concerned with the offense against God than the offense against yourself.
3. You are expressing your anger in ways consistent with Christian character.

Rescue of Jabesh-gilead



Saul in the Battle to Rescue Jabesh-gilead



Lessons

1. When God gives you a job to do, He will supply what you need (1 Samuel 10:24-26, 11:6-11, Is. 41:13, Phil. 4:13).
2. God frequently defies our expectations and uses the most unlikely people to do mighty things for Him.

Lessons

3. God may use common occurrences to lead us where he wants us. Evaluate all situations as potential divine appointments. Keep your spiritual eyes open.
4. Don't hide from important responsibilities because you are afraid of failure, what others might think, or how to proceed. Count on God's provision through the Holy Spirit.

Lessons

5. Be sure to channel righteous anger (anger directed at injustice or sin) in constructive ways to bring about positive change without sinning.