

Coronation Day

1 Samuel 10.9-27

1. God can Change People, vs9-16

*God changed Saul's heart v9
by the power of his Spirit*

- *other people noticed v11
the change aroused curiosity
- it defied human explanation
2 Cor 5.17; 3.18;
Lk 19.8; John 4.39; Acts 9.20-
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- *God changed Saul's heart
not the signs or the appointment*

- *God's Spirit remained v7
after the signs had gone*

2. Samuel's Vital Roles, vs 17-25

*a place of spiritual significance v17
commitment, 7.3 victory, 7.10*

memorial 7.12

- **The Lord's Spokesman vs 17-19**
who God is v18
what God has done v18
why rejection of him? v19
8.5,20; 2 Tim 4.10; Heb 2.3

- **The Lord's Selector vs19-24**
the choice had to be seen to be
God's - not Samuel's,
-nor the people's
- have faith in God's sovereignty
Prov 16.33; Acts 1.26
- Saul: self-effacing vs 14-16

- **The Lord's Instructor v25**
Israel's kingship was to be
distinctive Dt 17.14-20
clear job descriptions
save later confusion
God's Word was to be supreme
for the king

3. Saul – Learning about Leadership, **vs 26-27**

- **every leader needs loyal supporters, v26**
people touched by God
- **every leader will have detractors**
 - **troublemakers v27**
 - **sceptics - unspiritual, looking to humans rather than to God**
 - **proud – think they're better**
 - **withhold financial support**

confront them 1 Tim 1.3-4;

Tit 1.10-11,13; 3.10-11

ignore them – lead by example

1 Tim 4.12; Tit 2.6-8

win them over – 2 Tim 2.24-26

Support, pray for God-given leaders
Heb 13.7,17-18