

The Book of First Samuel: Chapters 9 – 11

Sunday, October 29 & Wednesday, November 1

Chapter 9 (Sunday, October 29)

- From **1 Samuel 9: 1 – 4**, how is Saul described, and what task did Saul's father give to him?
- In **1 Samuel 9: 5 – 7**, what had Saul decided to do when he couldn't find his father's donkeys? What recommendation did Saul's servant make, and what concern did Saul convey in his response?
- What solution did Saul's servant offer in **1 Samuel 9: 8 – 10**, and how did Saul respond?
- From **1 Samuel 9: 11 – 14**, what question did Saul ask the young women, and how did they respond? Who did Saul meet as he entered the city?
- In **1 Samuel 9: 15 – 17**, what had God said to Samuel about this event the previous day, and what did He say to Samuel when he first saw Saul?
- From **1 Samuel 9: 18 – 21**, what did Saul ask Samuel, and how did Samuel respond? Characterize Saul's response in **verse 21**. (*Exodus 3: 11*)
- What occurs in **1 Samuel 9: 22 – 24**? How did Samuel treat Saul?
- Describe the comments made by Samuel to Saul in **1 Samuel 9: 25 – 27**. What did Samuel intend to do for Saul?

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- From **1 Samuel 10: 1**, what did Samuel do with Saul? What information did Samuel provide to Saul?

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- What prophecies did Samuel provide to Saul in **1 Samuel 10: 2 – 6**? What is the purpose of these prophecies, and what did Samuel mean when he says that Saul will be changed into “another man / a different person”? (*2 Corinthians 5: 16 – 17*)
- In **1 Samuel 10: 7 – 12**, what instructions did Samuel give to Saul? What reaction did Saul receive when he prophesied, and how would you characterize the people’s response? (*Matthew 13: 54 – 57*)
- Characterize the conversation between Saul and his uncle, as recorded in **1 Samuel 10: 13 – 16**. What information did Saul withhold?
- In **1 Samuel 10: 17 – 19**, what did Samuel say to the people as they are assembled in Mizpah? What historical perspective did he provide, and what charge is brought against the people?
- Describe the event recorded in **1 Samuel 10: 20 – 24**. Why could the people not find Saul, and how did they react once Saul had been located?
- From **1 Samuel 10: 25 – 27**, what action did Samuel take as Saul began his reign? How did some of the people react to Saul being appointed as king?

Chapter 11 (Wednesday, November 1)

- From **1 Samuel 11: 1 – 3**, what offer did the men of Jabesh Gilead make to the Ammonites, and what subsequent demand did the Ammonites make? How did the men of Jabesh Gilead respond to their demand?
- In **1 Samuel 11: 4 – 8**, how did Saul react to the news from Jabesh Gilead? What message did Saul send to the people of Israel, and how did they respond?
- As recorded in **1 Samuel 11: 9 – 11**, what message was sent to the people of Jabesh Gilead, and how did they respond? What was the result of the battle?
- In **1 Samuel 11: 12 – 13**, how did the people want to deal with those who had previously doubted Saul’s leadership? How did Saul respond, and what does this indicate about his character? (*1 Samuel 10: 27*)
- From **1 Samuel 11: 14 – 15**, what event takes place at Gilgal? How did the people respond to this event?