

Sermon Outline

Choosing in the Dark

1 Samuel 9:1-10:27

Introduction: Let's Make a Deal: What's hiding behind the curtain?

Context: Chapter 8: The people's choice for king

I. 9:1-27 - God introduces Saul

Saul is tall (9:1-2)

Saul can't find his father's donkeys (9:3-14)

God ordains Samuel and Saul's steps to intersect (9:18-27)

A peak behind the curtain (9:15-17)

II. 10:1-27 - God inaugurates Saul

Samuel privately anoints Saul (10:1)

Samuel prophesies to Saul (10:2-8)

Saul is among the prophets (10:9-13)

Saul's "changed heart" (10:6,9)

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Saul's failure to prophesy (10:14-16)

Saul's public inauguration – *but hey, he's tall!* (10:17-27)

III. Application

God orders our steps (Pr 16:9, 20:24)

God and incompetent politicians (Ps 139:12, Rom 13:1)

God's mercy triumphs over our folly and sin

Are you in the dark? Grope for Him, He is near! (Ac 17:24-27)