**THE LORD ANOINTS SAUL AS KING**

1 Samuel 8:1-9:27

Key Verse: 9:16

1. Although the elders used the problem of Samuel’s sons as an excuse (4-5), what was their real motive in asking for a king? (20; 1 Samuel 12:12)

2. How did Samuel feel about this, and what did he do? (6) What did God tell him to do? (7-9) How did God deal with his rebellious people? (Moses prophesied this in Deuteronomy 17:14-20.)

3. What did God warn about the costs of having a human king? (10-18) In spite of this, what did the people demand and why? (19-20)

4. What kind of person was Saul? (9:1-2; 21) Describe his attitude toward his father, his servant and God’s servant (9:3-10). What led him to Samuel? (9:3,6,11-14)

5. What did God reveal about his plan in choosing a king? (9:15-17) What was God’s purpose for the new king? Notice the repetition of “my people.” What can we learn here about God?