
Big Idea: *Israel clamors for a king like the other nations. It's not in God's timing, but God consents to give them the king they want. God orchestrates a meeting between Samuel and Saul. By outward appearances, Saul is the right guy: handsome, tall, and the guy “on whom is all the desire of Israel.”*

I. Review: Israel Desires a King

Should Israel desire a king, or not? Does the Bible portray opposite views on this question?

What were the stipulations for Israel's king?

Deut. 17

II. Outward Appearances: Saul

1 Sam. 9:1-2

Why is Saul described in this detail?

Does God punish and abandon Israel for demanding a king?

III. Outward Appearances: God Behind the Scenes

1 Sam. 9:3-14

Do these events look like anything special or miraculous?

IV. Chosen and Anointing

1 Sam. 9:15-21

What does “anoint” mean?

What sort of people were anointed in the Old Testament?

V. Conclusion

What do we learn about God from this passage?

What is the story of 1 Samuel really about?