

1 Samuel Lesson 8 Lessons and Principles

- 1) God used the donkeys to lead Saul where He wanted him to go, and when. If He can use donkeys to lead a man to kingship, surely, he can use you to lead someone to His kingdom.
- 2) Two common mistakes made in interpreting God using everyday circumstances in our life to guide us.
 - a. Is to assume everything and every event is the hand of God.
 - b. Is to ignore the moving of God through circumstances in our life.
- 3) Samuel had a reputation – “A man of God... an honorable man...all that he says surely comes to pass. Every believer should have such a reputation, that your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors come to you for godly advice.
- 4) God gave Samuel guidance regarding future events. Samuel received this guidance wisely and looked for the fulfillment of the words to confirm God’s choice for king. What Samuel didn’t do, and what we must not do is “manipulate” the circumstances to “make” what God said come to pass.
- 5) Saul showed signs of humility, but that didn’t last, he let the elevation and prosperity go to his head. We mustn't do the same thing, let elevation and prosperity cause us to lose our humility. How we handle honor and prestige says a lot about our character.
- 6) Saul was anointed with the Holy Spirit equipping him to do the job of king of Israel. When we accept Christ as our savior, we are anointed with the Holy Spirit equipping us to serve the King of Kings.