

# Making a King

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*God's original plan for Israel was to be a kingdom of priests, but due to their disobedience, a human king was provided in Saul.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of being a living representation of the word of God. He criticizes the idea of relying on physical objects or books to show people the word of God, stating that our actions and character should reflect the truth of God. The speaker highlights the need for love and the ability to demonstrate the love of God, rather than just preaching words or knowledge. He also discusses the story of Samuel in the Bible, noting that he was a transitional figure during a time when there was no open vision from God in Israel. The speaker encourages listeners to seek a deeper love for Jesus and to find encouragement in times of darkness.

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## Transcript

Shall we take our scriptures together, beloved? And I want to spend a time with you tonight in the first book of Samuel. You will know that Samuel was the great prophet of God. He was raised up of God.

And you will remember, especially given of God, how that Hannah, his mother, sought this child and God gave her this child. And he came into this world and he had a special thing to do from God. I would like it to be true of every one of us that we all knew that we'd come into this world to do something specially for God.

The devil would like to think that you came in to do something specially for him. But it would be lovely if tonight every one of us got it firmly fixed in our hearts that this is why we're in this world, that God has something special for each one of us to do. Now, I know that you can go to extremes along this line and you can get an exalted idea of yourself.

I think that some of you at least must have heard me say at some time or another that if there's one thing that makes my heart sink into my boots more than anything else is to meet a fine young man who sort of rushes up to me and says, I feel that God's called me to be an evangelist all around the world. My heart

nearly always sinks into my boots, except that I don't wear them. I only wear shoes.

But you know what I mean. How wrong this whole approach is, that we are not to get an overloaded idea and a weight on our shoulders that we call a head. What we are to do, beloved, is rather to know that we're in this world and that God has spoken to us and he's called to us and we can see in some of the great men of Scripture something of the loveliness of the heart of God.

And I think really that's all I want to talk to you about tonight. And I think also, too, throughout the whole of the length of this time together, really that's all I want you to see. The loveliness of Jesus and the greatness and the glory of the Lord.

And if we go home more in love with him, and if our littleness has been expanded a little more, and if God is so much more glorious to us, I think we shall be accomplished a lot. But you know, in this man Samuel, the Lord displayed himself in a wonderful way. Because he was one of the great transitional figures of Scripture.

In that, by the time Samuel was born, there was no open vision in Israel at all. The open vision of God had gone. And God moved in this man.

And it's always like this, that things always move on in stages like this. And I think probably we can all take encouragement from this. You know, when the times are blackest, and we may think we're in a pretty black time of history, you know, things are spreading.

We all thought it was not too bad if they kept bombs in Ireland. But when it came to England, we all thought, well, now what in the world is everything coming to? Because we're sort of a special people. The poor old Irish, it didn't matter about them.

But when it came to England, oh dear, oh dear, what's coming next, you see? Which shows really our concern is a very selfish one. But however black we may think the times are, and perhaps they are, it's the wonder of the Lord that it's in these times he's preparing something more. There's a great big change coming.

And so when everything was dull and dark, and when there was no vision, and when there was no real prophet speaking from God, and no real word of God on the earth, no speaking word, oh, of course they had the written word. Mind you, that was all kept rolled up nicely on scrolls and read once a week on Saturdays. And they had the word of God.

Who said they hadn't got the word of God? But there was nobody speaking it, and everything was going well. The Lord brought in Samuel. And it's always in these times of moral and spiritual declension that people's hearts start reaching out for something other, and always something less, than what God really wants for them.

And yet in his grace and in his mercy, God has always made provision. This is very lovely. That the time was coming when the children of Israel were going to be discontented with their lot, and they were going to ask for a king, and they wanted to be led by a visible head, just like all the other nations, and forgetting that God wanted them to be different from everybody else on the face of the earth.

They wanted to be like everybody else. A fatal way to look at anything. I mean, if the children of God today think that they ought not to be different from anybody else, but they ought to be like everybody else, and

they conform to how everybody else behaves, or what everybody else buys, or what everybody else dresses in, or what everybody else possesses, and do all sorts of strange things to themselves to sort of get down to these, what might be considered outsiders, then, beloved, as certain as anything, something's going radically wrong.

But nevertheless, God had made provision in his mind for these people. And you can never tell, either, really, when things go wrong in your life, and when accidents happen, and speaking about sheep and cows, and you mustn't give them lollipops, or anything like that, sort of recalls the background of this whole thing that I want to look at in a moment or two. We'll read about it.

There was a man named Kish, and he'd got some silly asses, and they'd gone and lost themselves. That's right, they were silly asses, and they'd lost themselves. And he sent his son Saul out to find them, with a servant, and he couldn't find them.

And at last, when they'd exhausted every trick they knew, or followed every trail down which a silly ass may go, and never found the asses, they at last went to Samuel. The servant told Saul that there was a prophet, a seer, a servant of God, who lived close handily. And this was Samuel.

Samuel, who at an early age, of whom it was said that God did let none of his words fall to the ground. And he began to speak oracularly, and note that unless you have oracular speaking force of the inspired word of God, there will be no vision, and there will be no open vision. For it is by the spoken word, I don't mean Bible texts repeated, I have reminded you that they had the written scriptures.

But by the man or the woman, whoever he or she may be, speaking forth the spontaneous and the inspired word of God, God will then begin to reach that darkened imagination of the heart, and vision will come in the imagination of the thought of the heart. Not necessarily a four-dimensional manifestation to the outward eye, but a glorious revelation of himself will come to your heart. You try it and see.

During these days that we are together, God will seek to give you a vision. He will speak to the imagination of the thought of your heart, and there he will begin to show you something. And that's very wonderful.

And it's upon these things that we act. God does not act at any time contrary to the principles upon which he has built his man. Men and women are made to be receptive to the word of God, and he will work along the line, having made man absolutely capable of receiving the word and the work, and seeing the vision of God.

And that's marvelous. And through this man Samuel, God was moving in a very wonderful way. Well, at last, God had whispered into Samuel's ear that this man Saul was coming.

And in the provisions of the Lord, this man Saul was to be the first king that Israel at this stage was to have. He was not the first king of Israel. It is erroneously thought that he was.

We are distinctly told that Moses was king in Jeshurun. Moses was a king. Moses was the first king of Israel.

Did you know that? Because he typified Christ, the mediator. And it is Christ, the great mediator, who is our king. And so Moses had to be a king.

He was also a priest. I know that there was a great high priest named Aaron, but Moses functioned in a priestly office, as you will find if you read through the appropriate books of the Bible. And a prophet and a judge, and I don't know what he wasn't, this great man Moses.

But generally speaking, it is thought that Saul was the first king of Israel. And so God told Saul, told Samuel, that Saul was going to come and that he was to make him king. And I'm so thrilled at the way God does it.

Because you see, in God's great dealings, going back further in the book than Samuel, into the book of Exodus, with his people, and having brought them out of the land of Egypt, we find in chapter 19, that in the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness, and there Israel camped before the mountain. And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel, You have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bear you on eagle's wings, and brought you unto myself.

I don't know whether you've ever been brought on these eagle's wings to the Lord. Have you? If I'm not careful, I shan't get back to Samuel. That's the worst of it.

If I look in the Bible, I want to start preaching on everything that I see. God called the Passover, the Red Sea. And they're coming out of Egypt, bearing on eagle's wings.

That's what he called it. He said he bore them on eagle's wings, unto himself. It entailed the blood of the lamb.

It entailed eating the body and the flesh of the lamb. It entailed becoming an immediate pilgrim. It entailed being, as it were, pictorially born again, because it was the first of the month to them.

It began a new year in their lives. It entailed eating unleavened bread, which typified the complete riddance of sin. It entailed receiving the Holy Ghost, typified by the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night.

It entailed being baptized in the Holy Ghost, in the Red Sea, as they crossed the Red Sea, as Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 10. It entailed resurrection, which took place as they went through the Red Sea. That was the counterpart to Easter Sunday, if you trace these days through in your scripture.

They came up on the other side of the Red Sea on Easter Day. I wonder if you knew that. Of course.

Of course, it all fits in, doesn't it? I mean, you say, yeah, yeah, well, that's obvious. That's right. Of course it is.

But God called this, bearing them on eagles' wings to himself. Isn't that lovely? Praise God. Yeah, that was wonderful.

He said, now you've seen all this. He says, let's read on, shall we? Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then shall ye be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people, for all the earth is mine, and you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

My word. Has anybody ever talked to you like that? Spiritual Israel. Has ever anybody talked to you like that? You know, sometimes I wish people had talked a bit like this instead of keep on about body ministry, body ministry, body ministry.

I think, I wish somebody had talked to us like this. Amen. I wish they would.

I wish people would see this more than they saw visions. Personally, this is my, I mean, you may all disagree with me, but I'm telling you what I wish. And I wish people would tell me these things.

You see, God intended the whole nation of Israel to be a kingdom of priests. There wasn't any need for any particular man to be a king. He wanted them all to feel their kingship.

That was the whole tragedy of these people, you see. He wanted them all to feel that they were a complete kingdom under God of priests. Wasn't that lovely? Well, I mean, Melchizedek himself couldn't have asked for much better.

Now could he? You read in Genesis 15. And you remember it's connected with, you remember it's connected with the covenant. He says, you keep my covenant.

I can't dive back into Abraham now. I'm giving you links so that you can see these tremendous things. And they were all to be in this marvellous kingdom of priesthood.

And the fact that God had priests was only because he had a limited accommodation on the earth, like brother's been telling us tonight, limited accommodation, don't do this, don't do that. He only had a little tent. I mean, it might have been what we would call big.

And he couldn't get all the children of Israel running in there stampeding in and out like a lot of, I won't say silly asses, but you know what I mean. He couldn't have that. So he selected one family only to be representative of the whole nation.

You understand that, don't you? I hope you do. Anyway, if you never understood that before, you understand that now. They were all to be priests, all the lot of them, you see.

And it was a tremendous thing. And their part in the priesthood was this, that they had to select the land. You understand that, don't you? They had to select the land, and they had to bring it, and then the Levites took over, and then the Levites handed it to the priests, and the priests took over, and the priests took it all into God.

But it was only the sort of apex of a glorious mountain of truth founded at base upon the whole nation. What's the use of having the peak of a mountain if it hasn't got a base? Did you ever see a mountain standing on its peak? In other words, there wouldn't be a peak if there wasn't a base, would there? And the base is more important than the peak. But the peak is necessary to the base.

Well, you know. But that's how it all goes. And God wants us to understand this.

They were all to regard themselves as this. Alright. But they... It's very significant that Saul went seeking silly asses.

Surely it is. Very significant. The ideas in the Bible never contradict themselves.

They're always inherently correct. For the whole nation had been like stubborn asses. They'd all lost their vision.

They'd lost their... You see, there was no open vision. They'd all lost it when Samuel was born. It had all gone.

And when people had lost their vision, then they'd perish. And they'd chase out after the world. And they'd become a lot of worldlings.

That's what they'd done. Now, beloved, God raises up this man Samuel. And you know, he was a real man of God.

I can say I'm going to talk to you for a long time, so get comfortable, and we'll kill that moth. It's not a bee. But everybody seems to be worried about it.

Now, I've told you it hasn't got a sting in its tail. Please settle. It'll be alright.

You know, I said to myself in my bedroom, please accept my apologies. I must only speak for a short while tonight. They've all been traveling all day long.

They'll be ever so tired. And I think it'll only be kind if I say, we'll have a short message. But I can't do that.

I'm sorry. Did you say amen, brother? Thank you. Somebody's encouraging me.

I rather... I love this man, Samuel. You see, mind you, he had a marvelous inheritance. He really did.

He'd had godly parents. He'd been brought up in a home of love. I want to tell you something.

I want to tell you parents something. Because some of you have heard me say this before. I find that his parents as well as children at Fulton, he'd been brought up in a home of love.

I tell you, this man, this husband and this wife, they were, well, they were just a couple of lovey-doveys. And at last, Samuel had been born into this. And then, out of the heart of love, these two people gave their boy to God.

What a privilege. What a privilege this man Samuel had. And you, you're a dad.

I know so many of you, so I might be rude and start pointing. You see, and I charge you all before God that you, before you start talking, pie talk religion, and Sunday school talk to your children, talk love to them naturally, lest they'll never understand the supernatural. You bring them up like that, and if you don't, you've already sold your child down the river.

I know, I'm always fishing them out of the mire, or at least this is one of the things that God gives me to do. But anyway, they're there, and praise the name of the Lord. This man Samuel, it's been so wonderful with him.

And you know, this man's got it right. There's nothing, beloved, nothing that we need to know really about this matter of kingship, because we're all to be in this great kingdom of priesthood. That's what we're all to be, kingly priests under God.

That's what we're to be. And I don't know, perhaps, you feel, well, I'm not much of a king. I don't know whether you are in this realm, and yet I'll tell you this, and you know it's right, that right down in the bottom of your heart, something tells you, you ought to be reigning.

Doesn't it? This is what makes people do all sorts of things. They fight against their circumstances. Something in them wants to make them get to the top and succeed at something.

Isn't it? It's only hurting people, or being the best drug taker you could ever find, or being the best this, that, or the other, that there's always that in each one of us that must come to the top. It's inborn in us. God originally made us as the crowning point of His creation.

And it's inborn, and it's instinct in us. There's one of us in this room that feels they ought to be a thoroughly defeated, dejected slave. It's natural to every one of us to want to be there.

Not in the wrong sense at all, but up there and reigning, that's where we all feel we ought to be. Isn't that right? Well, let's have a look, then, after this long introduction, into this section in 1 Samuel, and we'll see something of the wonder of God in making a king. All right? Isn't it lovely? Well, first of all, I want you to see, beloved, that God moves in a very beautiful way.

At the end of the ninth chapter of 1 Samuel, when they would come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the top of the house. And they rose early, and it came to pass about the spring of the day. Hallelujah! You get all these thoughts in your heart about the spring of the day.

It was going to be a great, wonderful, new day for Saul. God was going to make him a king that day. And Samuel calls Saul to the top of the house, and he says, that I may send thee away.

And Saul arose, and they went out, both of them, he and Samuel abroad. And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel says to Saul, bid this servant pass on before us. And he passed on.

But stand thou still a while, glory be to God, that I may show thee the Word of God. How do you do that? How do you show people the Word of God? Do you have illustrated talks, planographs? What do you do to show people the Word of God? Do you buy a cine camera? Or do you go to a show somewhere? When you want to show people the Word of God, what do you do? Well, now, basically, beloved, you've got to be able to show them yourself. And if you aren't the living Word, the thing you have to say and do will be utterly contrary to the truth of God.

This is the great tragedy of the day in which we are living. You see, God is the Word, always. He is what He has to say.

He has to say nothing other than what He is. He has to do nothing other than what He is. He doesn't do anything contrary to His own being and His own states.

Nothing! Nothing. Would God that everybody of us had learned this tremendous thing. He says, now you stand still.

I'm going to show you the Word of God. Well, if you had to do that, what would you do? Run up to the local temple and say, here it is, the scroll, the books of Moses. There's the Word of God.

I want to show it to you. You see. Is that what you would do? Now, let's see what Samuel did.

Samuel took a vial of oil, poured it upon his head, and kissed Him. Praise God! Hallelujah! He showed him what the Word of God was. Hallelujah! He got a vial of oil and poured it on his head.

Hallelujah! Amen! Glory! Now, what is the Word of God? Love. See, but God had to produce a man in order to do it. I told you.

And this is where some of you parents are going to miss it. That child was the child of love in the beginning. Amen.

That child was the child of sacrificial love for they gave Him back to God. That child was the child of love in that He lay as a young boy going to sleep when the light was dim as I was taught to sing. I don't know whether it's quite true, but it's nice to sort of be carried away in lovely language.

You know, hushed was the evening hymn when the temple courts were dark. And so on. Yeah, I know that dates you, sister.

I know how old you are, really. You see, because I learned that one too when I went to Sunday school. I won't say.

It's all right. But the whole thing is, you see, the lamp was burning dim before the sacred ark. And so on.

Well, anyway, I don't believe the lamp was burning dim. I think that's only poetic fancy. Wesley wouldn't have taken liberties with truth in order to put out something that rhymed sort of with him, so it had dim.

He wouldn't have done that. Because it isn't true. The lights were never allowed to go dim.

They had to be trimmed evening and morning by Aaron. In the first place, it was Eli's job. And they had to be kept burning steadily.

They never varied in their intensity. They never varied in their brilliance. To God, there's no day nor night.

Dark and light are both the same to him. It's upon this basis that David could write his wonderful psalm. And it was typified to them in the ark.

In the holy place. There it was. Don't set your theology or your doctrine or understanding of scripture by all the kind of hymns or modern songs that you hear.

But there he was, and he lay there, this man, young man as he was, and God came to him and spoke to him. Wasn't that wonderful? And you see, in the beginning, though his young heart was perplexed, it was still loving. In the end, he said, Speak, Lord, thy servant here.

He only said what he was told to say. And sometimes, you know, your seniors, you young people, they do tell you the right things to do and the right things to say. Don't write off all the people with no hair or with white hair.

Don't write them all off. That's right. The advice of your elders is good.

He just did as he was told. Do as you're told. If you want to grow up a loving child, do as you're told.

And I'll tell you what will happen to you, you young people, if you don't do as you're told, or you old people either. Listen. You will become a person who in the end will mediate wrong spirits into your family or into

your church for disobedience and rebellion, these and stubbornness.

They are as the sin of witchcraft. And then we wonder why there are so many evil spirits knocking about in churches. They are the... I'm only quoting to you what Samuel himself said to Saul.

You see. This man could say it, you see. He lived it.

He said it was Samuel who said to Saul that stubbornness and rebellion and disobedience, they are as... It's just as though you went and joined a witch's coven. They are as the sin of witchcraft. You see why evil spirits get mediated from one to another? It's done in churches.

This is the tragedy. I hope you see it. You don't have to buy books on black magic and witchcraft.

Just continue in stubbornness and rebellion and disobedience. And you're opening the door for the operation of evil spirits. That's the thing.

But if we don't want that, let's go on with what God has to say. And he listened to what he was told. Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth.

And by that means he himself came into a personal revelation of God because he listened to the advice of his elders. Isn't that lovely? And gentle. He must have said, Ah, but I don't know, I can't, I can't.

He could have said all that. I mean, I've heard these kinds of things. They come at me from all quarters.

People say, Ah, but that's not personal. It's nothing to do with me. I mean this Bible business and all this sort of talk you hear.

And people go, I've got to get it established for myself. I've got to know for myself. I, I, I, I. And so they go well out.

They go right out. They get out on limbs. They try all sorts of outlandish things under the guise of trying to find out for themselves when they won't listen to, to, to the advice and the instructions of their elders.

You see. And because this young man did, he came into a personal experience of God himself. Isn't that lovely? I told you I like this man, Samuel.

I think he, I think he's wonderful. He, he's taught me a lot just as I sort of look at him. And, and, and it was he who said to Saul, he said, all right, Saul.

Now just stand still. I want to show you the word of God. He just gets a lot of, of pause.

Of course he has to go on tiptoe. Or he might have said, duck your head because Saul was head and shoulders above everybody else. And he sort of got up high.

But higher than you, Paul, Saul, is the oil. And he, he poured the oil onto his head. And I suppose he kissed, pulled his big head down and he gave him a great big kiss.

Hallelujah. Now that's the way to show people the word of God. Did you know that? And if you can't do that, you're not qualified to preach.

Unless a man has the oil to outpour and the love to give and the kiss to give, he has no word to preach. Don't listen to him. That's my advice to you.

Don't listen to him. Oh, you say he gives a good word. He may do.

That is calculated by words and knowledge. But by love or by ability to demonstrate the love of God or by the glorious outpouring of the blessed oil of the anointing, he has no word to give. For God first is.

It is what you are much more than what you say. And what you say counts for less than what you are. That's right.

And so, here then is the whole key to it. And I suppose we'd better read on this, which shall be longer than I intended to mean when I said I would be a long time. He says, Is it not because the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance? It goes on.

When thou art departed from me today, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah. And they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found, and lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God, to Bethel, one carrying three kids, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine. And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread, which thou shalt receive of their hands.

After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines. And it shall come to pass, when thou come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp before them, and they shall prophesy. And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee, for God is with thee. And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal, and behold, I will come down unto thee to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and show thee what thou shalt do.

And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart. And all those signs came to pass that day. Hallelujah.

What a tremendous thing. Now, if you are going to be the kingly person that God intends you to be, first of all, you must receive the word of God. God grant that you shall receive it in the anointing, and in the love, and in the kiss of God to your heart.

God grant it. For these are the beginnings of the great work of God, which He will so freely do for every one of us, if we will let Him do it. Amen.

And, of course, it's wonderful to have all that God has to give us. But basically, beloved, if we are going to be kings under God, then we've got to be turned into other men. This is what happened to King Saul.

He, thou shalt be turned into another man. And you know the man you've got to be turned into, don't you? It's Jesus. You've got to be turned into another man.

Praise the name of the Lord. This is the whole glorious truth of God. I know we sang that hymn a little earlier, Beautiful Words of Jesus.

And I discovered that some of you really play tricks in these meetings, because I asked, how many of you beside our sister know this hymn? And about four people put up their hands. And I reckon there were 40 of you that knew it. Now, why did you hide under the table? Why did you do that? If you do that, I'll be dropping on you to sing a solo.

And I've got five days to try you in, so watch it. Hallelujah. That lovely hymn, I thought about my mother.

She was the first one I ever heard sing that. My memory goes back to right the beginnings, when my mother used to sing these great, you know, we used to live in the sacred songs and solos area, in our hymnology in those days. I don't know whether I've graduated from that or not, but I can remember her singing it.

How lovely we thought, you know, come unto me. Well, it's a marvelous thing to come unto me, ye weary. Come, I will give you rest.

And it's a blessed and glorious experience. And they're beautiful words that Jesus spoke, but you do realize that it isn't just sufficient to come to Jesus. You've got to be turned into another man.

You've got to be turned into a Jesus. Do you understand that? And when you come, this is what you're to understand God is seeking in your life. It isn't sufficient for us just to come to Jesus and say, He's called me, I'm weary, I'm heavy laden, I'm burdened with my sin, and He has lifted off my burden.

Hallelujah. Well, that's wonderful. You might feel like John Bunyan's pilgrim who gave three leaps in the air because the burden rolled off his back when he came to the cross and he saw it roll down into a deep, dark pit, and that was that.

And you might feel like jumping six times instead of three times. But the whole glorious thing is this, that that's but a preliminary. That's ridding you of the past.

It's what you've got to be in the future. That's the great thing. And you and I have got to be turned into another man.

The word turned is converted. Utterly converted with a fine and wonderful New Testament new conversion, beloved, and moved into the glory of letting the Lord make us into this wonderful man, Christ Jesus. And that's what all this word predestination is all about in your New Testament, which I don't want to examine tonight anyway.

But this is what it's all about, beloved. Glory be to the name of the Lord that God in His heart fixed it there before He called you by His grace. He had fixed in the thought of the imagination of His heart a wondrous man, a glorious being.

You! You. What He by His grace and blood and power and spirit was going to make you. Isn't that lovely? Oh, beloved, to be turned into another man.

Praise God! From a sinner to a saint. From someone wandering about trying to find something that you can't find to really arriving. That's what Saul was doing.

He was wandering about trying to find something that he couldn't find. So many people are like that, aren't they? And God just tells him you're going to be changed into another man. You're going to be turned into another man.

What a thrill, beloved. You're going to be turned into this one. You and I are going to be brought into Christ in a very wonderful way.

And it's got to be so tremendous when all this happens. You see, it's good to be in the right company. You're going to hear first of all in verse 2 as we look up that your father is saying what shall I do for my son? Amen.

That's tremendous, isn't it? What shall I do for my son? Praise the David, the Lord. Make a king of him. Make a king of him, Lord.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. What shall I do for my son? Blessed be the name of the Lord.

That might not have been quite the thought in the mind of Kish, but this is what's written in our Scriptures for our instruction, for our learning, beloved. Blessed be the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. What shall I do for my son? Oh, I love that, don't you? What if you're saying in your heart, make me a king, Lord.

Make me a king. Make me able to reign in life. Make me able to do it, Father.

For this is what the promise of the New Testament is. Let's go on again. It says, you go forward from thence.

Don't stop there in verse 3. And you come to three men going up to God. That's the sort of company to be in. If you're really going to be a king.

You get with those people that go up to God. Because you see, God's gone up with a shout. You'd better get with those that go up to God, beloved.

Don't you get with those that go down to hell? It's Satan. Don't you get with those that go down into the pit? You get with those that go up to God. Hallelujah.

Isn't that a precious thing? Are you one of those people that go up to God? If you go up to God, I reckon you'll get some good solid bread to eat. That's right. I'm the bread of life, says the Lord Jesus Christ.

And if you're going to be turned into a kingly person, like the Lord Jesus Christ, you've got to eat God's bread. That's what you've got to do. You must understand that.

And God will give you the two loaves, alright. Amen. He'll give you the two loaves.

And you see, you know what the two loaves remind you of, don't you? Well, if you don't, I'll be your memory and remind you of what the two loaves remind you of. Mind you, I'm cheating really. I'm only copying the Scripture.

Nothing original about what I'm saying. But you see, if you cheat and read the Bible, you'll be able to tell people too. And you find it in Leviticus chapter 23 that there came a time in the feasts of the Lord when they had to wave two loaves before God.

On Easter day, they had to wave a sheaf. But on Pentecost, the day of Pentecost, they had to take two loaves and wave them before God. Glory.

Hallelujah. You say, what? Oh, that's the church. That's the church.

Hallelujah. This is the original corn, wheat that fell into the ground. Now come through to its truest purpose.

It's been ground down bacon. And it's come to what it was meant for. Bread.

Bread. Bread. Had to be waved before the Lord.

I'll give you two loaves. Praise God. And the Lord was speaking to us.

For this, beloved, is the heritage of everyone that belongs to the church of God. We're all born to belong to this great kingdom of priests. That's why we've been born again of God.

Hallelujah. Let's go a bit further as this man outlines the wonderful truths. And he said, after that, in verse 5, you'll come to the hill of God where the garrison of the Philistines is.

Had no right to be there. Come to pass, you'll come to the city. Thou'll meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery and a tabret and a pipe and a harp before them.

And they shall prophesy. And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee. And thou shall prophesy with them.

You see, beloved, you can't have a king in God's kingdom except he's a prophet as well. Now, you understand that. Acts chapter 2. When the blessed Holy Ghost descended on the day of Pentecost, oh, there's so much that links us with this great baptism in the Holy Ghost.

For it's only the baptism in the Holy Ghost that can make you a king. It's only the baptism in the Holy Ghost that can make you a prophet. And I read this.

This is that, verse 16, which was spoken by the prophet Joel. It shall come to pass in the last day, saith God, I'll pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh. Hallelujah.

And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. There it is. And the next, verse 2. On my servants and on my handmaids I will pour out in these days those days of my Spirit and they shall prophesy.

Not talking tongues, I want you to notice what the great mark is in the latter days. Although we do talk in tongues. Many of us, if not all of us.

But that's not the mark. Prophecy is the mark of the king. Hallelujah.

Amen. You can't be a king if you don't prophesy, Paul. Hallelujah.

Oh, come on. I say this is marvelous. I hope you want to be a king.

For how shall a man wear a bit of metal on his head called gold, studded with every precious stone there is, and sit on a throne that might be as ivory as any elephant can produce? I don't know about that. What's the use of that if he can throw a javelin and pin people to the wall with them? What's it matter about that if

he's head and shoulders above everybody else? If he can't speak the Word of God, what's the use of him? He's no king, for a man rules with his tongue, not with his head. Amen.

A man doesn't rule with the height of his stature. He rules with his tongue. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Oh, he said, the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee. I'm in Samuel. You come with me quick.

1 Samuel 10, 6. The Spirit of the Lord shall come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shall be turned into another man. And then he goes on about signs, you see. When the signs.

A man can't be a king unless he has signs to prove that he's a king. Amen. I'm not saying he's looking for clouds as large as a man's hand, or something like that.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. God moves in demonstration. How truly we ought to understand this, beloved.

Wasn't it another soul who later was turned to a pole that said that he preached with signs and with wonders and demonstration. That's what he said. Amen.

What a kingdom this is, beloved. God wants to bring us in. I hope that from these sacred Scriptures, fire may take place in everybody's bowels, and they come out of everything less than this.

No king without prophecy. No king without signs. None.

None. No king without bread. No king without oil.

No king without a kiss of love. None. This is how God makes kings.

This is the sort of man that God makes. Praise God. And He tells him the rest.

Let's go on. In verse 9, And it was so that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart. No king without a new heart.

No, not a man without a new heart. Kingship is here. Hallelujah.

Kingship is here. A man is from here. That's where a man's from.

Whatever kind of man he be, he's from here. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. Marvelous.

You know, when old Saul got back, he was quite a shy, humble sort of a fellow, and it's a good way to begin a life of sovereignty in humility. It's a very good way to begin. And he never talked about much really.

You'll find if you look down the chapter a little later that he was cross-questioned by his uncle when he got back, and so on and so on and so on. You see, and he never said this. He never said anything about going up to God.

He never said anything about that. He never said anything that much that he could have said. But you see, his uncle knew because it was abroad in Israel that there was something different about Saul when he got back home.

Everybody was talking about having a king. They wanted a king. They wanted a king.

And when Saul's uncle, Saul's Saul, something in him told him that this was the one. He said, Now what did the prophet say to you? What did he say to you? He thought, There's something happening to this man. What's happened to him? You see, he had another heart.

And no signs came to pass that day, all of them. When they came to the hill, a company of prophets met him. The Spirit of God came on him.

He prophesied. When all that knew him before time saw that, Behold, he prophesied among the prophets. Verse 11 Then the people said one to another, What is this that has come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets? And one of the same place answered and said, But who's their father? But who's their father? The father says, What am I going to do for my son? Who's their father? Of course, it could be, you know, it could be that your father does send you off on a wild goose chase.

Sorry, I mean a silly ass chase. It could be that your natural father can do that. Lots of natural fathers do that with their sons, sending them along the trail to get a degree at a university, or something like that.

Sending them along the trail to get a good job, or apprentice them to this, or bring them into the directorship, or something of this. Poor fathers, they don't know any better, unless God has taught them. They don't know any better.

I don't know whether I ought to tell you this, but you can cross me off your list if you like, but I went to, and I say this quite often, you know, and I know all you dear parents will think very terribly of me after this, but then I might as well be honest and tell you. I was abroad not so very long ago, and I've been abroad several times, and it was the first time I went, really. I met a family all the way out, I won't tell you which country it was, and here comes a dear mother and she says, I'd like to talk to you brother.

So I said, all right, what do you want to talk about sister? She said, you know, we're having real trouble with our girl. I hope there are no girls here that their mothers have got trouble with, and their fathers, you see. I hope there aren't, but anyway, she said we're having real trouble.

I said, where is she? Oh, she's thousands of miles away at a school, you see. And of course everybody said, oh, you're a missionary, I can tell you. I don't know whether you're ever going to be a missionary.

I said, you can't possibly have your children up here in these terrible primitive conditions. No education, note that, education. Note that.

There's no education. This is the sacred cow we all worship today, calling ourselves spirit-baptised believers. This is the tragedy, you see.

So she said, she's thousands of miles away, and you know, she can't settle. There's this going wrong, that's going wrong, and she's such and such an age, and she's coming up to all the levels. You know, I won't talk about what the levels are, because I don't know whether they're levels or what they are.

But, and she said, but listen, of course there's England, and she's got to go home, and we're all going to do this, and all of that. And she told me the whole story, and she said, now I would like, we're very worried about this, my husband doesn't even like to talk about it, and so on and so on and so on, and please will you just tell us what do you think we ought to do? So I said, do you really want me to tell you? And you

know, you never ought to ask counsel of a man of God, not, I'm trying to say I'm a man of God, capital M, M, O, G, I don't mean that, but you never ought to ask counsel. Now you be careful, you people.

It's a solemn thing to ask counsel. You never ought to ask counsel of a man of God if you don't intend to do what he says. You see, but anyway, this woman had made up her mind, and she was going to do what she was told.

So I said, you know what I'd do with you? What I'd do if I were you? I'd send and get my daughter, and I'd bring her home here. That's what I'd do, for your daughter needs love more than she needs education. That's what they're needing, to be loved, to be educated.

I suppose some of you are saying, three cheers, some of you. But I don't mean it in your rebellious spirit. I don't mean it that way.

Isn't that where they did it? I went back this time, and I met this young lady. Oh, she hadn't finished her education, but God had done so wonderfully in that child's heart, because they'd had the security of mother and father's love, and weren't stuck out, sacrificed into some little hovel called a room in a hovel. That's the thing.

Of course, now I suppose you're all finished, and you say, well, he's decadent, and he's reactionary, and he's ignorant. Well, that's all right. But I'd rather produce a Samuel than an Einstein or an Epstein.

I don't know what you'd rather do. I don't know. I don't know what you'd rather do.

I know what I'd rather do. Glory be to the name of the Lord, you see. And oh, beloved, who's your father? Who's your father? Oh, so tremendous to know this.

Beloved brothers and sisters, God is wanting to produce kings. He's wanting to produce people of spiritual life and moral fiber. He's wanting to produce men and women who can live and reign in a kingdom.

That's what He's wanting. He's wanting to bring people through to the place where they have all the kingly graces of the Lord Jesus Christ. That's what He's wanting.

And you and I have got to be turned into this man. That's what's got to happen to us. Praise God.

Turned into this man. All the signs came to pass. It's all here, beloved.

Everything that God lovingly speaks to us through His precious Word. The oil, the Spirit coming upon you, the kiss of love, the bread, the sustenance. God's going to look after you completely.

He's going to undertake for you. He's going to put His Word into your mouth. That's what He's going to do.

But you see, beloved, you've got to have this tremendous change of heart. Absolutely. God does not intend that you should speak a word that's inconsistent with your heart state.

If He only wanted words spoken, He could use any ass. He used Balaam's. He could use any ass.

If He only wanted His Word spoken. He wants His Word revealed. He wants His blessed self shown.

That's what He wants. Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

He wants you to get a revelation of something that must stay in your heart. There can't be any garrisons of Philistines where the power of God is. They've got to go.

We can't have any of these Philistines. They're the natural Palestinians. They've got to go.

It's got to be Israel here. Amen. Amen.

And God wants us to see what He's moving to in our lives. I'll tell you this much. As sure as God gets hold of your heart, you'll find at the bottom of that chapter it says that there went with Saul a company of men whose hearts God had touched.

That's right. Allah made them two. The Lord said, I'm going to do this with you.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. I want to ask you a question. Are you prepared to let God touch your heart? Tonight? And those of us that can gather together in these days, are you going to let God touch your heart? I hope you haven't come with all your defenses up.

You know, Shari, I don't suppose there can be anybody like this here in this select company. But it'll be an exception. Because every conference I go to, I always meet lots of people with their defenses up.

I wouldn't think it could be so here. I don't know. You see.

Are you ready to let God touch your heart? God's wanted to turn you into a king, friend. He's wanted to turn you into a king. He wants you to reign.

And that's lovely. He wants to be your father. He wants you to see that there's another realm than a natural father who sends you off on the wild goose chase.

He wants you to see that there are people in the earth that have the word of God and pour forth the oil of the Spirit and can kiss with the kiss of God. He wants you to see that. He wants you to see that there is a life into which you can come and you can live there and you can stay there.

And you can maintain this blessed revelation of the Lord in your home, in your heart, in your country. That's what He wants. Are you prepared to do that? To live as a king? Yeah.

If I said to you tonight, show someone the word of God, could you do it? I don't mean that you'd have to fall on everybody's neck and kiss them. Can you show them the word of God? Bless God that that man saw on the human side came from Samuel and spiritual heredity. And that's the thing that's... Amen.

Yeah. You'll come from there? Then go forth and reign by the Lord's grace. I think it's time we stop, don't you? I'm proud.

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