

# FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

## CHAPTER 9:1-10:7

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**"The Will of God in Your Life"  
Part 1**

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**INTRODUCTION**

***to the text***

***I Samuel 9:1-10:7***

**The Will of God in Your Life**

~~Not, "The Will of God **for** Your Life"~~

Their Cry for a King,  
God had been prepared for:

**He Even Spoke to Moses  
About It**

**Deuteronomy 17:14-15**

"When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' 15 "you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you;

**The Will of God in Your Life**

**1.) God has "Ordained" a specific plan for you vv. 3**

**a.) You need to "See" God's Specific plan v.3**

Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to his son Saul, "Please, take one of the servants with you,  
and arise, go and look for the donkeys."

**go and look for the donkeys."**

**"See" the Specific Plan?**

THE INVOLVEMENT OF GOD IN EVERYTHING

**How do I do that in my life?**

Know that God is Always in  
the Simple

We need to be measuring the situations of your life  
(Consider them)

## **The Donkeys**

Begin to See that God Knows and Knew  
it All Along

**What Are  
“The donkeys” in your  
life?**

THINGS THAT SEEM  
STUPID OR TROUBLESOME, OR STUBBORN

***God has “Ordained a specific plan for you***

***b.) You need to “Embrace” God’s Specific plan***

This is Where Trust and Faith Come In

# Understand and Determine

"That God is Personally Interested in Your Life"

**Psalm 139:17-18**

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;

You need to take a field trip to the beach  
My God is Thinking About Me

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**2.) God is "Performing" a specific plan for you vv.4-6**

**a.) It usually doesn't make human sense v.4**

So he passed through the mountains of Ephraim and through the land of Shall-I-sha, **but they did not find them.** Then they passed through the land of Sha-a-lim, **but they were not there.** Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, **but they did not find them.**

Chasing Donkeys Doesn't Make Sense

(UNLESS GOD IS IT)

This is a very hard pill  
for us to swallow

While they're out looking, they are actually getting  
closer to God's will being performed in their lives...

Even the "Looking" Process is  
of God

***God is "Performing" a specific plan for you***

***b.) To bring you to the point of asking directions v.5***

5 When they had come to the land of Zuff, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, let us return, lest my father cease caring about the donkeys and become worried about us." 6 And he said to him, "Look now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honorable man; all that he says surely comes to pass. **So let us go there; perhaps he can show us the way that we should go.**"

**When You Can't Find Your Donkeys  
You'll Inevitably – Ask God for Help**

"Since my daughters were very little we  
have always taught them to ask God for  
whatever...

- when something was lost"

"TO ASK GOD"

IS TO CONFESS THAT - HE KNOWS MORE THAN YOU DO  
AND THAT TAKES PUTTING - FAITH IN HIM

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**The Will of God in Your Life**

**3.) God will be "Controlling" the specific plan vv.15-20**

**a.) He will always be exact vv.15-16a**

Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear - the day before  
Saul came, saying, 16 "Tomorrow about this time I will send  
you a man from the land of Benjamin"

God is Speaking **To** Samuel  
and **Through** Samuel

Regarding His Will,  
God is Very Specific

# But There Are His Specific Exceptions

## Listen How Vaguely Specific This Is

Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

***God will be “Controlling” the specific plan***

***b.) Others will be involved in your plan v.17***

And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said to him, "**There he is, the man of whom I spoke to you. This one shall reign over My people.**"

He Will Often Use People to  
Deliver the Message  
or to Confirm the Message

THE LORD DID THIS THROUGHOUT  
THE GOSPELS AND ACTS

***God will be “Controlling” the specific plan***

**c.) He will always provide what's needed**

**vv.18-20**

18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, "Please tell me, where is the seer's house?" 19 And Samuel answered Saul and said, "I am the seer. **Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and tomorrow I will let you go and will tell you all that is in your heart.** 20 "But as for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not be anxious about them, for they have been found..."

...And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on you and on all your father's house?"

Saul, The Donkeys Were Only  
Tools That God Used  
To Get You Here

"Sam, Why Didn't You Just Ask  
Me to Come"

God Will Always Provide What  
You Need  
(I think I know what I need)

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**4.) God will “Reveal” the specific plan vv. 1-5**

Notice the Specific  
Revelations which Build Faith

## **The Will of God in Your Life**

**5.) God’s will is “Now” vv.6-7**

"Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you  
will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. 7  
"And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do  
as the occasion demands;  
for God is with you.