

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 9:1-10:8

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“The Will of God in Your Life” Part 3

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

I Samuel 9:1-10:8

The Will of God in Your Life

*Not, “The Will of God **for** Your Life”*

Philippians 2:13

for it is God who works in you
both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

**The Believer is Both Possessed
and Owned by God Himself**

God is both;

Owner, Operator

Of our lives if we are true followers of His

We learned of Saul's Qualification For Becoming King

There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish the son of Abiel...
...was a mighty man of power (\$). 2 And he had a **choice** and **handsome** son whose name was Saul. There was not a **more handsome** person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward he was **taller** than any of the people.

Saul Was a Hottie

Who was about to win the Mr. Israel
contest

1 Samuel 8:5

"Look Samuel, you're old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us **like all the nations.**"

1 Samuel 8:19-20

... but we will have a king over us, 20 that we also may be **like all the nations**, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

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.

Question:

**HOW DOES THE WILL OF GOD
COME TO PASS IN MY LIFE IN THIS IMPERFECT WORLD?**

Answer:

**WE HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR GOD AND
WE ARE BEING MOLDED BY GOD**

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.”

"Be Open" to His Specific Plan?

OUR GOD - IS A GOD OF DETAILS

LOOK FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF GOD
IN EVERYTHING

Know that God is
Always in everything

Psalm 139:2

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you perceive my thoughts from afar
(before they enter my head).

God uses the donkeys in our lives

**What and Who
are "the donkeys" in your
life?**

THE THINGS THAT SEEM
STUPID OR TROUBLESOME, OR STUBORN

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 Embrace

“The Fact That God is Personally
Interested in Your Life”

Psalms 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;

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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 Saul is out looking for Donkeys,
He is actually getting closer to God in his life

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!*

“When things have gotten lost in our home, ever since our daughters were very little, we would pray, asking God to find what it was that we were looking for...”

Their Faith was Increased

“TO ASK GOD”

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

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2.) God is “Performing” a specific plan for you vv.4-6

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Part II “The Will of God in Your Life”

3.) God will be “Controlling” the specific plan vv.15-20

a.) He will always be exact v.15-16

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

Verse 16

and you shall anoint him **commander** over My people Israel, that he may save My people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon My people, because their cry has come to me."

Not King -
But Captain, or Commander, or Ruler, or
Prince, or Leader
But Not King

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

v.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....**

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

The Donkeys
Were The Only Tools That God Used
to Get You Here

“Hey Sammy, Why Didn’t You Just Ask Me to Come”

God will always Provide What I Need

(because I think I know what I need and that is a problem)

WE 3:5-6

Trust in yourself with all your heart, lean on your own understanding;
6 and In all your ways consult yourself, and you alone will be on your path.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

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

1 Samuel 10:1-5

Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said: "Is it not because the LORD has anointed you commander over His inheritance? 2 "When you have departed from me today, you will find **two men** by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, '**The donkeys which you went to look for have been found**. And now your father has ceased caring about the donkeys and is worrying about you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"' 3 "Then you shall **go forward** from there and come to **the terebinth tree** of Tabor. There **three men** going up to God at Bethel **will meet you**, one carrying **three young goats**, another carrying **three loaves of bread**, and another carrying **a skin of wine**. 4 "And they will greet you and give you **two loaves of bread**, which you shall receive from their hands. 5 "After that you shall **come to the hill of God** where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet **a group of prophets** coming down (not going up) from the high place with **a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp** before them; and they will be **prophesying**.

THE CALLING OF GOD

Galatians 1:11-17

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it 14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Notice the Specific
Revelations that Build Faith

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5.) God's will is "Now" for your life

vv.6-8

"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. 8 "You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do."

FOR THE CHRISTIAN:

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

FOR THE NON-CHRISTIAN:

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

Even though Israel sinned against God by asking for a king
And even though Saul was a carnal man, God was at work
bringing to pass His Divine will...

**Perhaps like Israel,
Your life may have had a rough start too**

Jeremiah 29:11-12

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

What is God's will for my life?

- To live an abundant life
- To live separated from the things of this world
 - To be dedicated to the things of God
 - To know God more and more everyday

1 Peter 2:15

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men--

1 Thessalonians 5:18

in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 4:3

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

Galatians 1:4

who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Where do I find God's will for my life?

Psalm 119:97

Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

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