

1 Samuel 10

v.1 **Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head:** This was a literal *anointing* of Saul. The word “anoint” means *to rub or sprinkle on; apply an unguent, ointment, or oily liquid to*. When Samuel **poured it on his head**, Saul was **anointed** with oil.

But the *idea* of anointing is much bigger. What happened to Saul’s head and body was simply a picture of what God was doing in him spiritually. The Holy Spirit was being poured out on him, equipping him for the job of being king over Israel.

Priests were anointed for their special service to the LORD (Exo 28:41). Literal oil would be applied, but as a sign of the Holy Spirit upon their lives and service. The oil on the head was only the outward representation of the real, spiritual work going on inside them.

Sometimes anointing oil would be poured (Exo 29:7), sometimes it would be sprinkled (Exo 29:21). This shows that the Holy Spirit’s equipping for service is poured out in different ways and in different measures at different times and on different persons.

Exo 30:22-33 tells us about the special anointing oil. It was regarded as a sacred compound that could not be imitated nor used as normal perfuming oil. Since oil is emblematic of the Holy Spirit, we see that the Holy Spirit is not poured out to enhance our flesh, but to glorify Himself. Exo 30:32 says specifically: *it shall not be poured on man’s flesh*. Also, the work of the Holy Spirit is never to be imitated: *nor shall you make any other like it . . . it is holy, and it shall be holy to you* (Exo 30:32). There is to be no place for encouraging a fleshly imitation of the gifts or operations of the Holy Spirit; this denies the holiness of the Holy Spirit, regarding His work as something we can do just as well on our own.

“In 1988 archaeologists uncovered in the bottom of a three-foot-deep pit near Qumran, at the northwestern end of the Dead Sea, a five-inch-diameter clay flask wrapped in a nest of palm fibers and containing a small amount of well-preserved reddish oil, probably distilled from balsam. Dating from the first century A.D., the oil may be the only surviving sample of its kind and may be similar to that used to anoint ancient Israelite kings.” (Youngblood)

It was a *memorable* and *evident* anointing, because Saul’s head was drenched with oil. Psa 133:2 describes how messy an anointing could be: *It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down the beard . . . running down on the edge of his garments*. As Christians, our filling and empowering of the Holy Spirit should be memorable and evident. Saul could look back on this day, and this event, and know that God had called him to something special as the king of Israel.

Commander over His inheritance: belonged to the LORD God.- Why His inheritance and not His possession? Lost and bought back (Ruth)

v.2-7 Samuel gives very specific prophesy about what will happen

v.6 literal Hebrew for **will come upon you** is “*will leap or rush upon thee*, to wit, for a season. So it may be opposed to the *Spirit’s resting* upon a man, as in Num 11:25; Isa 11:2.”

- turned into another man-*Eph 4:22-24 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, (23) and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, (24) and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

v.8 Why **Gilgal**? “Gilgal was chosen for this purpose as a very fit place; partly because that place was famous for the solemn renewing of the covenant between God and Israel, Jos 4:1-24 . . . and partly because it was a very convenient place for the tribes within and without Jordan to assemble, and consult, and unite their forces together upon such occasions.” (Poole)

v.9 God gave him another *heart Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

v.12 **But who is their father?** This question asks, “Who is the source of the inspiration upon the prophets?” If God is their inspiration, then why should it be strange that God could inspire an unlikely man such as Saul? “

v.18 the Lord recounts His care for them

v.19 makes it clear that they are choosing to reject Him

v.26 men with Saul not because of Saul but because God had touched their hearts

from this, we see that Saul started out with so much promise. He was chosen and anointed by God. He was filled with the Holy Spirit. He had the support of a man of God like Samuel. He had been given gifts appropriate to royalty. He had the enthusiastic support and goodwill of most all the nation. He had **valiant men** around him, men **whose hearts God had touched** to support him. And, he had the wisdom to not regard every doubter, or every critic, as an enemy. But despite all these great advantages, Saul can still blow it. Will he walk in the advantages God had given him so far, or will he go his own way? The rest of the book of 1 Samuel gives the answer to that question.

Result of the Holy Spirit coming upon you

Turned into another man

2Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Given another heart

Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

How does this happen *Act 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Luk 11:9-13 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (10) For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. (11) If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? (12) Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? (13) If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"