1 - A Changed Heart… A Changed Person… A Changed Life?

**Lessons From King Saul -** 1 Samuel Chapter 10

2 - Context Of 1 Samuel 10

* The Israelites had rejected God from being their King. (1 Samuel 8:6) so they could be like all the other nations. (Note Jeremiah 10:2)
* Samuel told by God to *“****listen****”* and *“****warn****”* and in 1 Samuel 9:17… God said of Saul, ***“This one shall rule over My people.”***
* In 1 Samuel 10:1, Samuel told Saul that the Lord had anointed to be ***“a ruler over His inheritance.”***

3 - Context Of 1 Samuel 10

Samuel then tells Saul:

* ***“The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you mightily****, and you shall prophesy with them and* ***be changed into another man****.”* (1 Samuel 10:6)
* Samuel tells him that God is with him (vs. 7) and that he was to wait for Samuel to offer sacrifices.
* We note in verse 9, ***“then it happened… God changed his heart”*** as signs followed that confirmed the blessing***.***

4 - How Did God Change Saul’s Heart & Person?

Through **the outpouring of the Holy Spirit** as God did in Acts 2 upon the apostles. (Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4; 11:15)

Did the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Saul or upon the apostles **take away their free will** and **responsibility to choose** to **walk by faith**? (1 Samuel 13 & 15)

**Did the apostles ever commit sin again**? (Galatians 2:11-14)

**How did God change his person?** He blessed him with the abilities and talents to lead God’s people by faith. **It was his duty to use those abilities faithfully to God’s glory**. (Romans 12:4-8)

5 - How Does God Change Our Heart & Person?

**God opens our hearts through His words… which must be preached/taught.** (Acts 2:36-37; 8:30-31; 16:14; Luke 24:45)

* **Why does our heart need opened**?
  + **Ignorance** (Ephesians 4:17-18)
  + **Deception, disobedience, & enslaved to lusts** (Titus 3:3)
  + **Misconceptions of a carnal mind** (1 Corinthians 1:23)

6 - How Do We Become A New Creature?

**It’s about becoming a “new creation”. (Galatians 6:15)**

**“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold new things have come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)**

**In the image of God. (Colossians 3:10)**

**7 - How Do We Lived A Changed Life?**

**People will notice.** (1 Peter 4:1-4)

**Don’t revert back to our old ways! Diligently keep putting to death the old man.** (Romans 8:12-13)

Must be ***“renewed day by day”*.** (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

By becoming **a *“living sacrifice”*** (every day that we are alive!)**.** (Romans 12:1-2)

Our hearts can once again become hardened or deceived. (Hebrews 3:12-13)

8 - Remember The Consequences

**If we don’t live a changed life…**

* **God no longer answered Saul.** (1 Samuel 14:37; 28:6; Isaiah 1:15)
* **Separated from God**. (1 Samuel 16:14; 18:12;   
  Exodus 33:3)
* **Adversarial to God**. (1 Samuel 28:15-16; James 4:4ff

9 - Remember Our Goal

**Keep growing until we reach “the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:13)**

**Keep drawing nearer to God with a humble heart that He might “exalt” us. (James 4:6-10)**

**“Fight the good fight, finish the course, keep the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7-8)**