

## Chapter 10

*Saul is annointed king, and confirmed by signes that his ordinance is of God. 10. He prophecieth, which the people doth admire. 17. Samuel calleth the people together, for appointing a king, the lotte falleth on Saul, 25. and the law of the king is againe mentioned.*

**A**nd Samuel tooke <sup>a)</sup>a litle veffel of <sup>b)</sup>oyle, and powred vpon his head, and kiffed him, and fayd: Behold, our Lord hath annointed thee vpon his inheritance to be prince, and thou fhalt deliuer his people out of the handes of their enemies, that are round about them. And this fhall be a signe vnto thee, that God hath annointed thee to be prince. <sup>2</sup> When thou fhalt be departed from me this day, thou fhalt finde two men befide the fepulchre of Rachel in the borders of Benjamin, in the South, and they fhall fay to thee: The affes are found, which thou didft goe to feeke: and thy father letting goe the affes, is careful for you, and fayeth: What fhall I doe concerning my fonne? <sup>3</sup> And when thou fhalt depart thence, and paffe farder, and fhalt come to the oke Thabor, three men going vp to God into Bethel fhall finde thee there, one carying three kiddes, and an other three manchettes of bread, and an other carying a flagon of wine. <sup>4</sup> And when they haue faluted thee, they wil geue thee two loaues, and thou fhalt take them of their hand. <sup>5</sup> After thefe thinges thou fhalt come into the hil of God, where the garrifon of the Philifthiimes is: and when thou shalt be entered there into the citie, thou shalt meete there a flocke of prophetes coming downe from the excelfe, and before them: pfalterie and tymbrel, and fhalmes, and harpe, and themfelues prophecyng. <sup>6</sup> And the Spirit of our Lord fhall feafe vpon

<sup>a</sup> S. Gregorie here noteth, that fuch as are placed in height of gouernement, are annointed with oyle, which fignifieth mercie, light, and curing of others.

<sup>b</sup> But the *litle* veffel forefhewed that Saul not perfeuering in grace, fhould be depofed from his kingdom. *li. 4. c. 5. in 1. Reg. 10.*

thee, and thou shalt prophecie with them, and shalt be changed into an other man. <sup>7</sup> Therefore when al theſe ſignes ſhal chance to thee, doe whatſoeuer thy hand ſhal finde, becauſe our Lord is with thee. <sup>8</sup> And thou ſhalt goe downe before me into Galgala (for I wil come downe to thee) that thou mayeſt offer oblation, and immolate pacifique victimes: <sup>a</sup>)ſeuē daies ſhalt thou expect, til I come to thee, and I wil ſhew thee what thou muſt doe. <sup>9</sup> Therefore when he had turned away his ſhoulder to depart from Samuel, God <sup>b</sup>)changed vnto him another hart, and al theſe thinges came in that day. <sup>10</sup> And they came to the foreſaid hil, and behold a troupe of prophetes meeting him: & the <sup>c</sup>)Spirit of our Lord ſeated vpon him, and he prophecied in the middes of them. <sup>11</sup> And al that had knowen him yeſterday and the day before, ſeing that he was with the prophetes, & did prophecie, ſaid to ech other: What thing hath happened to the ſonne of Cis? what is Saul alſo among the prophetes? <sup>12</sup> And one answered an other, ſaying: And who is <sup>d</sup>)their father? therefore it was turned into a prouerbe: What is Saul alſo among the prophetes? <sup>13</sup> And he ceaſed to prophecie, and came to the excelfe. <sup>14</sup> And Sauls vn- cle ſayd to him, and to his ſeruant: Whither went you? who answered: To ſeeke the affes: which when we had not found, we came to Samuel. <sup>15</sup> And his vn- cle ſayd to him: Tel me what Samuel ſayd to thee. <sup>16</sup> And Saul ſayd to his vn- cle: He told vs that the affes were found. But concerning the word of the kingdom which Samuel had ſpoken to him, he told him not. <sup>17</sup> And Samuel called together the people to our Lord in Maſpha: <sup>18</sup> and ſayd to the children of Ifrael: Thus ſayeth our Lord the God of Ifrael: I brought Ifrael out of Ægypt, and deliuered you from the hand of the Ægyptians, and from the hand of al the kinges which afflicted you. <sup>19</sup> But you this day

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<sup>a</sup> Samuel enioyneth obedience to Saul to trie his humilitie. *S. Greg. li. 4. c. 5. in 1. Reg. 10.*

<sup>b</sup> God gaue him peculiar grace for executing the office of a King.

<sup>c</sup> By and by alſo the gift of prophecie.

<sup>d</sup> Their ſuperiour.

haue reiected your God, who only hath faued you out of al your euils and tribulations: and you haue faid: Not fo: but appoint a king ouer vs. Now therfore ftand before our Lord by your tribes, and by your families. <sup>20</sup> And Samuel brought al the tribes of Ifrael, and the <sup>a</sup>lotte fel on the tribe of Beniamin. <sup>21</sup> And he brought the tribe of Beniamin and the kinreds thereof, and it fel vpon the kindred of Metri, and it came vnto Saul the fonne of Cis. They therfore fought him, and he was not found. <sup>22</sup> And after thefe thinges they confulted our Lord whether he would come thither. And our Lord anfwered: Behold he is hid at home. <sup>23</sup> They ranne therfore and tooke him from thence: and he ftood in the middes of the people, and he was higher then al the people from the shoulder and vpward. <sup>24</sup> And Samuel faid to al the people: Certes you fee whom our Lord hath chofen, that there is not the like to him in al the people. And al the people cried, and fayd: God faue the King. <sup>25</sup> And Samuel fpake to the people the law of the kingdom, and wrote it in a booke, and layd it vp before our Lord: and Samuel difmiffed al the people, euerie one into his owne houfe. <sup>26</sup> But Saul alfo departed vnto his houfe into Gabaa: and there went with him part of the armie, they whose hartes God had touched. <sup>27</sup> But the children of Belial fayd: What shal this fellow be able to faue vs? and they depifed him, and brought him not prefentes: but he diffembled as though he heard not.

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<sup>a</sup> By lotte the people were affured that the election was of God. *S. Greg. ibidem.*