

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.

And Samuel tooke ^{a)}a litle veffel of ^{b)}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 figne vnto thee, that God hath annointed thee to be prince. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And when they haue faluted thee, they wil geue thee two loaues, and thou fhalt take them of their hand. ⁵ After thefe thinges thou fhalt come into the hil of God, where the garrifon of the Philifti-imes 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. ⁶ And the Spirit of our Lord shall feafe vpon

^a 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.

^b 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. ⁷ Therefore when al these signes shal chance to thee, doe whatfoeuer thy hand shal finde, becaufe our Lord is with thee. ⁸ 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: ^a)feuen daies shalt thou expect, til I come to thee, and I wil shew thee what thou muft doe. ⁹ Therefore when he had turned away his shoulder to depart from Samuel, God ^b)changed vnto him another hart, and al these things came in that day. ¹⁰ And they came to the forefaid hil, and behold a troupe of prophetes meeting him: & the ^c)Spirit of our Lord feated vpon him, and he prophecied in the middes of them. ¹¹ And al that had knowen him yesterday and the day before, feing 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? ¹² And one answered an other, faying: And who is ^d)their father? therefore it was turned into a prouerbe: What is Saul also among the prophetes? ¹³ And he ceafed to prophecie, and came to the excelfe. ¹⁴ And Sauls vnckle sayd to him, and to his feruant: Whither went you? who answered: To seeke the asses: which when we had not found, we came to Samuel. ¹⁵ And his vnckle sayd to him: Tel me what Samuel sayd to thee. ¹⁶ And Saul sayd to his vnckle: He told vs that the asses were found. But concerning the word of the kingdom which Samuel had spoken to him, he told him not. ¹⁷ And Samuel called together the people to our Lord in Maspha: ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ But you this day

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

^b God gaue him peculiar grace for executing the office of a King.

^c By and by also the gift of prophecie.

^d 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 therefore ftand before our Lord by your tribes, and by your families. ²⁰ And Samuel brought al the tribes of Ifrael, and the ^alotte fel on the tribe of Beniamin. ²¹ 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 therefore fought him, and he was not found. ²² And after thefe thinges they confulted our Lord whether he would come thither. And our Lord answered: Behold he is hid at home. ²³ They ranne therefore 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. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ But Saul alfo departed vnto his houfe into Gabaa: and there went with him part of the armie, they whose hartes God had touched. ²⁷ But the children of Belial fayd: What shal this fellow be able to faue vs? and they despifed him, and brought him not presentes: but he diffembled as though he heard not.

^a By lotte the people were affured that the election was of God. *S. Greg. ibidem.*