

## **Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 9:1 to 10:1**

### **God chose Saul - The most handsome person in Israel.**

When Samuel was aged, he brought in his children to judge the people of Israel and bring them justice. But they did not walk upright as their father Samuel. Therefore, the people came to Samuel and demanded for a king over them. Though this request saddened him, he agreed because God had allowed it. It was at that time, a young man named Saul came towards the place where Samuel lived in search of his father's lost donkeys. Unable to find the donkeys, Saul decided to go back, perceiving that his father would cease caring about the donkeys and become worried about them. When he got to know that it was the place where Samuel lived, he decided to meet Samuel before they departed to their place. Since God had already spoken to Samuel concerning Saul, he went forth to anoint him as king. But Saul humbled himself and tried refusing it saying that he was not worthy of it. Samuel then clarified to Saul about God's will and convinced him. Saul was anointed as the king over Israel.

### **Question:**

What were the good traits of Saul that qualified him to be chosen as a King?

### **Answer:**

The first two verses describe Saul as the most handsome person of Israel, he was taller than any of the people and he was a mighty man of power. But these features did not make him an eligible candidate for kingship. It is not a wonder to see people with such good physical abilities to be prideful and arrogant with an urge to rule over people. But Saul who had all this,

- 1) Obeyed his father and shared of his burden (by searching for the donkeys).
- 2) When time passed, he perceived that his father would stop worrying of the donkeys and begin to worry about him. (He understood the heart of the father)
- 3) When Samuel said that he was appointed by God to be the king, he truly confessed that he was not worthy of it.

Though there were many other good characters in Saul, these are the most primary of it. Dear brother/sister, be not arrogant because of your physical strength, rather be obedient to God, your parents, understanding their heart and walking humbly before God. In doing so, you will be exalted by God.

"In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."  
1 Peter 5:5

### **Prayer**

Father, we will not glorify in our physical strength or beauty. We will not despise those who are physically weak. We will consider everyone as our brothers and sisters. Amen