

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 10:1-12

Virtue Is Not Enough; Our Hearts Should Be Filled By the Spirit of God

When Saul was anointed as king by Samuel, he prophesied as to what would happen after he returns to his father's house. While returning, just as Samuel prophesied, there came prophets down from the mountains to meet him. Then the Spirit of God came over Saul and renewed his heart. Saul instantly began to prophesy. Later, just as Samuel said, Saul went and waited for him at Gilgal. Samuel came after seven days and sacrificed a burnt offering to the Lord. Then he called the Israelites and put lots among them to know the tribe from which God will choose a king for His people. The tribe of Benjamin was selected. When he again put lots among the families of the Benjamin tribe, Saul's name was chosen. In the midst of all the people, Samuel openly declared Saul as the chosen King over Israel.

Question:

Though Samuel had already anointed Saul as the king, why should he again make a burnt offering, put lots and then declare him as a king?

Answer:

Though the virtue in Saul could've been the reason for him to be appointed as the king, virtue alone is not sufficient to build the kingdom of God. Nothing can be done without the strength and help of the Holy Spirit. That is the reason when Saul did according to Samuel's guidance, the people saw him prophesying after the Holy Spirit had come over him. Later when they cast lots, even there it was proved that this was of the Lord. The people then accepted him as the king whom the Lord has placed over them. Dear children, to do the service of God, we must have God's strength and the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Will you fervently pray for God to anoint you with the Holy Spirit and strengthen you today? He will fill you with His Holy Spirit and use you mightily.

"Once these signs (being filled by the Holy Spirit) are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you." 1 Samuel 10:7

Prayer

Holy Spirit of God, anoint us. Give us power and success Lord. We will use it to save souls that are perishing. Amen