

Improved Uniform International **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**LESSON**  
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**Lesson for August 27**

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**ISRAEL'S FIRST KING**

LESSON TEXT—1 Samuel 8:15-21; 10: 25-27; 11:12-15.  
 GOLDEN TEXT—Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. —I Peter 2:17.

"Well begun is half done," says the old proverb, reminding us of the importance of a good beginning. While it does not guarantee success (see next week's lesson), it is eminently desirable, and truly helpful.

Israel had foolishly tired of being a God-ruled nation and had begun to demand a king.

Samuel was directed of God to the man of His choice, Saul, in a very remarkable way. He entered upon his service as king as an obedient and earnest ruler. (Would God that he had continued in that way?)

We note a number of favorable elements which indicated the possibility of a successful reign. He was—

**I. Wanted by the People (9:15, 16).**

A ruler forced upon a nation is sure of opposition, but here the people were clamoring for a king to rule over them. The way was wide open to the interest and the affection of their hearts. Saul was just the type to please them. Physically he was head and shoulders above the people—a desired thing in a ruler (see 10:23). He was mentally fitted (10:25)—humble (8:21), spiritually right (10:6-9), tolerant and kindly (11:13), and a good military leader (ch. 11).

**II. Chosen by God (9:17).**

All these qualities commanded Saul to God as well as to the people. In fact, he was God's choice. A man could not enter upon high office with any more auspicious token for good.

Observe that what looked like a purely chance visit to Samuel, when Saul was on business for his father, was the occasion for the making known of God's choice. Out of a simple experience in daily life came an event which changed his entire destiny.

**III. Anointed by the Prophet (9:18-20).**

The man of God's choice had met God's man, Samuel, who proceeded to instruct him, and to privately anoint him as king. It was a tender scene. The aged prophet, rejected by the people as God's ruler over them, quietly and sweetly obeyed God's command to anoint the young man to be king.

Public recognition, which came later, was important, but, with Saul as with every servant of the Lord, the personal anointing of God, in the hidden place of communion with Him, was the matter of highest importance.

**IV. Humble in Attitude (9:21).**

That pride, which was ultimately to be Saul's downfall, was beautifully absent at the beginning of his reign. Although of good family, and well-equipped, he saw himself as poor and insignificant, not ready for such an honor.

That is the right attitude for one who is to serve God. Pride and self-assurance do not befit the man who stands in the presence of the Almighty.

**V. Guided by Principle (10:25).**

Saul did not enter upon his office, new as it was to both him and to Israel, without a Constitution, that is, without principles of action. Samuel, the Lord's prophet, wrote down "the manner of the kingdom" in a book. How interesting, and how important.

Rulers who imagine themselves so wise that they need no controlling laws, and so powerful that the law may not question their decisions, are certainly not rulers after God's plan. Knowing the heart of man, his weakness and pride, God has provided true principles by which the ruler is to be guided, yes and controlled.

**VI. Forgiving in Spirit (10:26-27; 11:12, 13).**

Some "worthless fellows" despised Saul and would not recognize him as king. The urge of the flesh was to destroy them, and especially did that seem proper because of their worthless nature. But Saul, in true kingly spirit, said that there was to be no revenge, just rejoicing.

To be of the right spirit toward one's enemies is the hall mark of Christian character.

**VII. Established in Office (11: 14, 15).**

While there is the secret whisper of God in the heart, and the personal anointing by the Lord's servant, there should be the public recognition which establishes the Lord's servant in the eyes of all people. Saul had this at Gilgal. It placed him among the kings of the earth, and prepared the way for his dealing with other nations as well as with his own people.

Applying that truth to those who serve Christ, we say that there is upon the church the obligation to recognize God's call and anointing by giving that official recognition which sets the testimony and service of the individual free to exercise itself among men in general.

**RURAL CHURCHES**

Antioch M. B. C. Church  
 Pastor, Robert McBrier  
 Welcome, come worship with us.  
 Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.  
 Worship service, 10:30 a. m.  
 Evening service, 7:30 p. m.  
 Prayer and praise service Wednesday 7:45 p. m.

Monroe Methodist Church  
 E. O. Kegreis, Minister  
 Morning Worship 9:30. Sermon "The Borrowed Boat."  
 Church School 10:30.  
 Youth Fellowship 6:45.

Evening Service 7:30. Sermon: "Living in a Times Like This."  
 Mid-Week Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday Evening, 7:45. Read Acts, Chapter 5.

Decatur Methodist Circuit  
 E. J. Arthur, Pastor  
 Mt. Tabor  
 Preaching service at 9:30 a. m. followed by Sunday school.

Mt. Pleasant  
 Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.  
 Pleasant Valley  
 Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Union Chapel U. B. Church  
 Dwight L. Patterson, pastor

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

Morning worship, 10:15 a. m.

Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

Mid-week prayer service Wednesday, 8 p. m.

The evening service this Lord's

day will be held in the First Baptist church of Decatur. The right of Baptism will be administered.

Calvary Evangelical Church  
 F. H. Willard, minister

Morning worship, 9 a. m. Sermon by the minister.  
 Sunday School, 10 a. m. James A. Darr, superintendent.

Mid-week preaching service Thursday, 8 p. m.

Monroe Friends  
 Rev. Byron Leaser, pastor  
 9:30-10:30 Sunday School; Wm. Zurcher, Supt.

10:30-11:30 Morning worship. Sessions will begin at 6 o'clock Saturday evening with a supper, and will be concluded Monday noon.

During the first evening two conferences will be held simultaneously one for "First Timers" led by the state field secretary, Miss Dorothy Lehman, and the other on the subject, "Increasing the missionary interest in Christian Endeavor." In the latter period, Miss Martha Burkhalter, of Berne, who has spent many years in the mission field in India, will be in charge.

Mrs. Burkhalter will also speak during the missionary seminar led by Miss Marie Fulk, of Bluffton state missionary superintendent.

The sunrise service will be under the direction of Porter district (Adams, Wells and Allen) and will be in charge of Miss Frieda Lehman, of Berne. The vesper service will be conducted by capital district Endeavorers.

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Following the vesper service Sunday evening, Miss Lehman will conduct a question and answer period on coordination of counties, districts and state unions, and a demonstration of "Visual Aids in Church Work" will be shown through pictures.

Miss Opal Nance, of Indianapolis will direct the music for the entire retreat, and Mrs. James Jacobs, of Fort Wayne, will be responsible for the devotional periods.

Any local officers interested in attending the retreat may contact the county president, Miss Frieda Lehman, of Berne, for further information. Reservations should be sent by August 28 to Miss Mamie Shepherd, 304 Northern Avenue, Indianapolis 8, Ind.

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**Annual Fall Retreat  
 Of C. E. At Capital**

**Sessions Set For  
 Sept. 2, 3 And 4**

Final arrangements are being made for the annual retreat of the Indiana State Christian Endeavor Union Sept. 2, 3, and 4, at the Indiana Central college in Indianapolis. Sessions will begin at 6 o'clock Saturday evening with a supper, and will be concluded Monday noon.

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To correct this situation, the committee today outlined legislation under which the president would name hearing officers to settle disputes between individuals and federal agencies, with provisions for ultimate court review.

These officers, it said, "would be independent of the agencies involved in the litigation, instead of being subservient to the agency heads."

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