

“The Spiritual Condition of King Saul”

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Sermon text: 1 Samuel 10

We are going to pause today from our exploration of the narrative to reflect theologically. In particular, we will consider the spiritual condition of Saul.

Various responses:

1. Saul was a saved man who lost his salvation (vs. 9-12)

2. Saul was a saved man-- with a changed heart and the Holy Spirit was upon him, and therefore must have been saved, but that he was a kind of “carnal” (worldly) believer who, though saved, never yielded to the Lord during his life.

Historic Reformed theology gives us another choice:

3. Saul was a full member of the Covenant People (Visible Church in the New Testament) but not a regenerated person—He was never personally saved, though an Israelite, a member of the Covenant, the chosen people.

Romans 9:4–5

Hebrews 6:1–12

WCF 10:4. *Others, not elected, although they may be called by the ministry of the Word, and may have **some common operations of the Spirit**, yet they never truly come unto Christ, and therefore cannot be saved: much less can men, not professing the Christian religion, be saved in any other way whatsoever...*

2 Peter 1:3–15

1 Corinthians 9:24–27