

CHANGED INTO ANOTHER MAN

Our lesson title is taken from a statement given by Samuel to Saul during his anointing into serve of the Lord (1 Sam.10:1).

(1 Sam.10:6) “Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them and be **changed (haphak/ niphalf 2ms) into another man.**”

Haphak refers turning or changing one thing into another. This Hebrew word was used with turning or changing the Nile water into blood in Ex.7:17-25 (7: 17, 20).

This lesson will study four aspects of Saul being Changed into Another Man at his anointing into service for the Lord.

1. We will begin by examining our lesson text by four homiletic points of Saul being changed into another man.

- **Samuel’s** word from the Lord to Saul (1 Sam.9:27)
- **Saul’s** anointing (1 Sam.10:1)
- **Signs** of calling to service (10:3-6)
 - Tomb of Rachel at Zelzah – father’s concern
 - Tree at Tabor – food for trip
 - Town of Geba – function of Holy Spirit – “Changed into Another Man”
- **Seal** of God’s presence (1 Sam.10:7) – “God is with you.”

2. Lord is testing Saul with three signs to see if he will trust and obey the directive will of God.

(1 Cor.1:22) “For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom.”

This is simple form of testing exercise is to see if he will follow the letter of the Directive Will of God (2 Cor.5:7).

(Prov.3:5-6) “**Trust in the Lord** with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

(2 Cor.13:5) “**Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you – unless indeed you fail the test.**”

(1 Sam.15:10-11) “Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel saying, ‘I regret that I have made Saul king, **for he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands.** And Samuel was distressed and cried out to the Lord all night.”

3. A divine sign was a pledge of God faithfulness to what He had promised.

In our lesson the Hebrew word for the three signs has definite article (ha oth).

DIVINE SIGNS:

(1 Sam.10:7) “It shall be when these signs come upon you, **do for yourself what the occasion requires, for God is with you.**”

(Rom.4:21) “And being fully assured that what **God had promised**, he was **able to also to perform.**”

God taught Moses how the divine signs work by this doctrinal principle while in spiritual training in Midian desert Ex.4:1-9.

Jewish religious leaders in the day of Jesus Christ didn't understand or believe the doctrinal principles regarding divine signs. They demanded Jesus give them a sign of His authority in His first cleansing the temple at Passover (Jn.2:13-22).

- Jesus answer: “Destroy this temple (naos), and in three days I will raise it up.” (Jn.2:19)
- Jews answer: “It took 46 years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days? But He was speaking of the temple of His body.” (Jn.2:20-21/ **read 2:22**)

CROSS: “And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads and saying, ‘You who are going to destroy this temple (naos) and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If (Icc) you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” (Matt.27:39-40; **4:6**)

Christian Way of Life: “Or do you not know that **your body is the temple (naos) of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body.” (1 Cor.6:19-20)

4. In the Old Covenant, the Holy Spirit was given only to some believers for specific ministries not to everyone like in NC.

One of the interesting doctrinal principles of this lesson is the Old Covenant (OC) ministry of Holy Spirit recorded in (1 Sam.10:6) – “Then the **Spirit of the Lord** will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them, and you shall be changed into another man.”

- This is an OC ministry of Holy Spirit to a believer.
- This is a OC believer “being changed into another man.” This is an OC believer operating under the spiritual ministry of Holy Spirit.
- Under the OC, the Holy Spirit was temporary, not permanently, in life of believer like in the New Covenant (NC) (Jn.14:16).

For example, in (1Sam.16:14), God removed the Holy Spirit from Saul. David pleaded with Lord not to remove the Spirit from him (Ps.51:11).

Under the NC, we find this to be a doctrinal principle for **all believers**.

(Eph.3:16-17a) “That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the **inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.**”