

**person's life that is written up in the Bible rather than my own, but you will find there is a little of Saul in all of us and we need to be careful that the things that were ruinous to him do not become ruinous to us!**

## **MESSAGE # 1: INSECURITY IN HIS CALLING**

Biblical Passages: 1 Samuel 9:1-10:17 ff

### **I. Introducing the Subject:**

In the book of Judges we read how everyone did what was right in his own sight and how that turned Israel into a chaotic situation. There was a societal cycle that began with rebellion and ended with repentance and health and then would repeat itself...sketched in Judges 1-2. It proved to be an unpopular system of government with God raising up leaders charismatically, so the speak, and the people being obedient and then falling into disobedience. The masses, seeing that the nations about them had kings, assumed that if they had a king they would not be in this fitful affair. In the days of Samuel they clamored for a king and the situation became so intolerable that God was willing to grant them a king...like the meat in the wilderness...he granted their request but sent leanness to their hearts.

It had always been the intention of God that they would have a king. Instructions for him and his rule were given in Deuteronomy years before this crisis arose. But Israel was fed us, as we will say it, and demanded God do something immediately. He gave them the best man of their time, Saul of Benjamin. Ironically his own choice for king was only a generation away, David, son of Jesse. The prophet cautioned the people about the trials a king would bring but in their insistence God gave them the best possible choice.

Reading in Genesis 49 we realize that Saul did not have the genetic strain to be king. He was, however, the best person available. He would be Israel's first king and have a long reign with many trials. His difficulties are object lessons for us in matters of attitude and development You will want to read his history in I Samuel very carefully and when you note areas where he failed...many of us have failed in those places as well. If we think we stand we should take heed lest we fall. So in the Scriptures cited we meet Saul and soon learn that one of the points that made him ineffective in the spiritual realm was the simple fact that he was insecure in his calling. Read