

carefully the texts given at the start of this introduction and you will see the particular things that help me with this emphasis and, of course the features are those I see or think I see and one is allowed to disagree so long as one does it agreeably.

II. Discussion:

- A. Insecure in his calling: he fails to confirm the spiritual experience (10:16) Samuel had given him a great set of signs and a great anointing but he does not tell the family of these things or of his prophesying with the prophets. He likely could hardly believe they had happened but.
- B. Insecure in his calling: he failed to appreciate the skills that had been given him by God as in 10:22-23 when they could not find him for he had hidden himself among the "stuff". He was slow to realize what he was and what he was to be.
- C. Insecure in his calling: he fails to rely on the instruction from the Lord. This is not immediately obvious but by the time we come to 13:13 it is becoming part of a pattern of his work and it will be a greater liability in the years ahead.

- III. Conclusion: Insecure in his calling, he lacked the judgments necessary for effective service. He could have confirmed this calling many times and taken his own role more serious at times. And I know it is easy to criticize him now, hundreds of years later. But as Peter says, one should make one's calling and election sure (2 Peter 1:10) and then one has a strong base for action and obedience.

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MESSAGE # 2: LACK OF PATIENCE WITH THE WAYS OF GOD

Biblical Passages: 1 Sam 10:8 ff; 1, 11:15; 13:5 ff

I. Introduction to the Subject:

In the nature of our work and witness we meet others who are 1) slow to do anything for God and 2) are impetuous and try to do everything. Neither aspect or ideal is right. In our living it is expected that we will wait on the Lord but not dilly-dally with the Lord. Unwillingness to