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- *Saul's ascendancy (chaps. 10-14)*
*10:1-8. As **Samuel** prepared to reveal God's purposes to Saul, he first anointed him with **oil***



- In the Old Testament anointing with oil symbolized the setting apart of a person or even an object for divine service
(Ex. 30:23-33)



It was also accompanied by the presence
and power of the Holy Spirit

(1 Sam. 10:6, 10; 16:13)



When Samuel poured oil on Saul's head, that act represented God's approval of Saul as leader of His people



In confirmation to both Saul and the people of his divine call and commission, Saul was told that he would experience three signs:

(a) he would **meet two men near Rachel's tomb at Zelzah on the border of Benjamin and Ephraim**, who would tell him of the whereabouts of the lost **donkeys**. (V.2)



(b) he would meet **three men** at the (oak) **tree of Tabor**, somewhere between Zelzah and Gibeah, who would give him **two loaves of bread. (v.3)**



and (c) he would meet a procession of prophets descending from the high place at Gibeah. (v.5)











Remarkably, he would join in with the prophets in their **prophesying** as the **Spirit** of God enabled him and he would **be changed into a different person.**



This is frequently taken to mean that Saul was converted or spiritually regenerated. However, such language for spiritual renewal is foreign to the Old Testament, and Saul's subsequent attitudes and behavior do not bear out that this was his experience (16:14; 18:12; 28:15-16).



Actually the Spirit made the inexperienced and unlettered Saul able to assume kingly responsibilities in much the same way as the judges before him were blessed

(Jud. 6:34; 11:29; 13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14).



What Do You Think?
Was Saul Converted or Not?