



brand new!

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W hat happens when God takes control?

1. When God takes control he gives us a new

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2. When God takes control he gives us a new

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3. When God takes control he gives us a new

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TAKE HOME TRUTH

When God takes control we become a new

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Today's Core Practice:

Spiritual Gifts: *I know and use my spiritual gifts to accomplish God's purposes (from Romans 12:4-5).*

Today's Action: *Of these 3 areas, which does God seem to be working to make fresh and new in your life? Dedicate time every day towards prayer and reading Scripture to aide in this transformation.*

hand in
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Deeper Connection Study

The three signs that Samuel prophesied to Saul had come to pass. Saul was probably wondering how his week got turned upside down as he returned home after searching for his donkeys. He wasn't the only one searching for something - Israel was also searching for their desired king. God would point them in the direction of his choice for their longing.

Today's Core Belief discussed: Personal God

Read 1 Samuel 10:9-27

1. What happened when Saul met the group of prophets (vv. 10-13)? Why did this occur? What is meant by the question in verse 11?
2. What kind of transformation did Saul have (v. 9)? How did he become a different person? How did this prepare him for what God ordained?
3. When speaking to his uncle, why did Saul conceal his private encounter with Samuel (vv. 14-16)?
4. Why did Samuel call a convocation at Mizpah (vv. 17-21)? Why is this place significant (cf. 7:5-17)?
5. How did Israel's new leader present himself (vv. 22-23)? How was he received by the people (vv. 24-27)?
6. How is it also true today that God is working through various circumstances to bring about his purposes? How do you see this in your own life?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for his sovereignty and divine guidance. Ask God to help you follow his will and his ways. Pray for a greater discernment of God's leading in your life and the courage to live boldly for him.



As the New Year begins many people are thinking about old items they would like to discard in order to replace them with newer ones. In some cases that may mean getting rid of some old clothes, while in other cases it may mean getting rid of some old habits. Did you ever stop and consider that there maybe some old things in your life that God would like to get rid of in order to replace them with newer ones? Think about it, God is about creating new things! In Isaiah 65:17 He states, "Behold, I create *new heavens* and a *new earth*." Then in Ezekiel 36:26 He declares, "I will give you a *new heart* and put a *new spirit* in you..."

In I Samuel 10 we will see that is precisely what God did for Saul; He gave him a new heart and a new spirit. And one should know that when God gives his children new hearts and new spirits other things will become new as well. So how about you, are you ready for a new makeover?