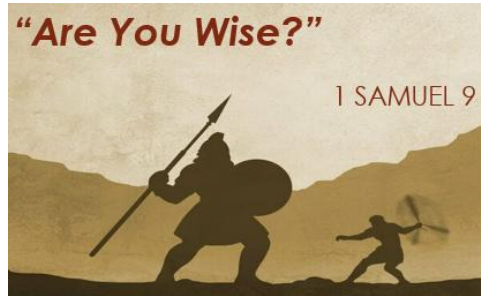


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### Are you wise?

- ▶ Would you consider yourself wise?
- ▶ I want to be wise, (a wise person) but I say/do foolish, stupid things!
- ▶ How do I become wise?
  1. By understanding there is NO wisdom in this world!!! *1 Cor. 1:18-29*
  2. Without God there is NO wisdom!
  3. By understanding the *limits* of our finite mind.
  4. True/Real wisdom ONLY comes from God! *James 1:5;3:17*
  5. We need to live carefully, wisely. *Col. 4:5*
  6. Be careful about being so sure of yourself! *1 Corinthians 10:12*
  7. You need to be living for God! *Prov. 9:10*
  8. You need to *pray* for wisdom *James 1:5*
  9. Wisdom does not come passively! *Proverbs 4:5; 4:7;16:16*

### Here in 1 Samuel 9,

- ▶ In this text we are introduced to the new king of Israel...
- ▶ And while he looks good physically,
- ▶ We are left (after this text) scratching our head – he really is foolish.
- ▶ Saul here looks like a floater
- ▶ He's just kind of there, not thinking.
- ▶ You almost want to say, "hey get with it"  
Now:
  - ▶ From this passage we are given an inside (early) look at Saul, and it doesn't look good.

### Spiritual Wisdom in your life!

**I want you to see 3 things about Saul:**

#### I. Saul and his slave compared

- A. Saul introduced (*vs.1-2*)
- B. An inept shepherd (*v.4*)

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### Saul & Slave – compared

#### Saul:

- ▶ Knew nothing of a prophet
- ▶ Worried about getting home (*v.5*)
- ▶ Failure to recognize need for help
- ▶ Thought spiritual help had to be bought (*v.7*)
- ▶ Had no money!

#### Slave:

- ▶ Knew about the man of God (*v.6*)
- ▶ Thought to seek spiritual help (*v.6*)
- ▶ Thought to seek God's direction
- ▶ The slave had money! (*v.8*)

#### II. Saul's weak character

- A. Asks for directions (*v.11*)
- B. Does not *recognize* this famous prophet (*v.18*)!
- C. Does not get up (*vs.25-26*)
- D. Does not think ahead (*v.27*)

#### III. Saul, chosen to govern? *From original: Hebrew*

- A. Saul was chosen as "*nagid*" not "*melek*" – limited nature of his kingship (*v.16*)
- B. He will "*aser*" - "*restrain*" (*v.17*) "*reign*" over My people" – Is the writer suggesting God was using Saul as a means of punishing the nation?!

#### CONCLUSION:

- Interesting, 4x in *verses 16-17*; "*My people*"
- God was allowing Saul, but was in no way relinquishing His people to Saul!
- Isn't that neat? Isn't God good?
- God gave them what they wanted, but was not saying: "I've had it! Here's your foolish leader. Good luck with that; you're on your own."