

# *Before the THRONE*

## *The Devotional*

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1 Samuel 9:1-2

“Kish was a rich, influential man from the tribe of Benjamin. He was the son of Abiel and grandson of Zeror, from the family of Becorath and the clan of Aphiah. His son Saul was the most handsome man in Israel--head and shoulders taller than anyone else in the land..” 1 Samuel 9:1-2

The human perspective is always only a partial view. The complete picture rests alone with God. The choice of Saul, while God had permitted it, was only the Lord’s permissive will in allowing what the people had clamored for in the first place. (1 Samuel 8:19-22).

Natural strengths do not compare to the anointing of God upon a life! Human ability will always come to an end – at some point! Without the abiding presence of the anointing of God’s Spirit man will never attain his full potential.

There was another Saul from the tribe of Benjamin. He too, had wonderful human credentials. “Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of or the Hebrews, as touching the righteousness which is in the law – blameless!” (Philippians 3:5-6). His education – the finest (Acts 22:3). His citizenship – Roman (Acts 16:35-39). Yet this Saul, sees a higher calling, a greater ability than his own strength, education, and position will provide. “But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yes, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:7-9).

The choice of God’s anointing or human ability will always be a test, but those who choose God’s way will have heavenly ability when their own strengths fail!

Your strength or His? It’s your call!