

April 11 Questions

- 1) Saul passed the first _____ to his kingship with flying colors. The fact that he was still out working in the fields shows that he was _____ and _____. The Spirit empowered him, gave him wisdom and helped him lead the people into battle. God gave him a decisive victory, and instead of seeking _____ on those who had rejected him as king, he was merciful and _____. Saul seemed to be everything a king should be. Samuel took the opportunity of the kingship renewal at _____ to warn the people not to forget God. Their request for a king had been an attempt to gain _____ from their enemies without true _____ (1 Sam 12:12), but now that they had a king, they should _____ themselves to following God. This teaches us that God's will for our lives is _____. Sinful choices in the _____ need not keep us from getting back into the _____ of His will. At each decision point, we have the ability, through God's grace, to "_____ the LORD and _____ him and _____ his voice" (1 Sam 12:14–15). Sadly, Saul _____ the next challenge to his kingship. This shows us that a person's true character is only revealed under intense _____. Instead of repenting, Saul _____ himself to Samuel (1 Sam 13:12), and his refusal to humble himself cost him the perpetuation of his kingly _____ .