

# 1 Samuel 10:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Samuel's presentation uses emphatic language: 'See ye' (hare'item) commands visual attention; 'whom the LORD hath chosen' (bachar YHWH) affirms divine election; 'none like him' (ein kamohu) declares uniqueness. The phrase 'among all the people' creates irony - uniqueness based on physical height, not spiritual stature. The acclamation 'God save the king' (yechi hammelek) literally means 'Let the king live!' This Hebrew expression became the standard coronation formula, echoing through Israel's royal history. The 'shouting' (ruah) connotes a loud cry of acclamation, sometimes used for battle cries or worship shouts. This moment of unified celebration would prove fleeting; before chapter's end, 'children of Belial' despised Saul (v. 27). The people's initial enthusiasm parallels many who receive the gospel joyfully but fall away (Matthew 13:20-21).

## Historical Context

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Royal acclamations were common throughout the ancient Near East at coronations. The formula 'Long live the king!' appears in various forms in

Akkadian, Egyptian, and other ancient texts. Israel's version, while following this cultural pattern, explicitly invoked Yahweh's blessing.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How quickly can popular enthusiasm turn to opposition in your experience?
2. What is the difference between celebrating God's choice and evaluating by human standards?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>See</b>	H834										
<b>and said</b>	<b>And Samuel</b>	H413	H3605	<b>And all the people</b>	H5971						
H559	H8050										

בְּכָל	כִּמְהוּ	אֵין	כִּי	יְהִי	הִ	בְּ	זֶה	בְּ	זֶה	בְּ	זֶה	
<b>hath chosen</b>	H0	<b>ye him whom the LORD</b>	H3588	H369	H3644	H3605						
H977		H3068										

וְ	לִפְנֵי	יֹאמְרָה	וְ	מְבָרָךְ	לְ	עַזְלֵךְ	וְ	מְבָרָךְ	לְ	עַזְלֵךְ	וְ	
<b>And all the people</b>	<b>shouted</b>	H3605	<b>And all the people</b>	H5971		<b>and said</b>	H559	<b>God save</b>	H2421			
H5971	H7321											

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**the king**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 1:39** (Salvation): And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

**1 Kings 1:25** (Salvation): For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah.

**2 Samuel 21:6** (Kingdom): Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, whom the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give them.

**Deuteronomy 17:15** (Kingdom): Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

**2 Kings 11:12** (Salvation): And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

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