

"Historical Books Of The Bible"

1 Samuel 15:1-35

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1 Samuel 15:1-3

1 Samuel 15:7-15

We come to Saul's final act of disobedience and God's rejection of Saul as King over Israel. 1 Samuel 15:18

Key Chapter Of The Book: 1 Samuel 15

Key Passage – 1 Samuel 15:22

1 Samuel 8-15 – The Reign Of Saul

1 Samuel 13-15 – God's Rejection of Saul

1 Samuel 15 – Saul's Final Test And Failure

1. Verses 1-9 – Call To Obedience

2. Verses 10-23 – Failed Obedience

3. Verses 24-35 – No Desire For Obedience

1. Verses 1-9 – Call To Obedience:

1 Samuel 15:1

Proverbs 12:15

Proverbs 14:12

David committed far worse sins than Saul; The Difference being – Tenderhearted – broken, repentant.

1 Samuel 15:2 – "Thus says the LORD of hosts,"; "Lord of hosts" – "Lord of the armies"; You don't want to be up against the Lord of the armies!

Amalekites – Nomadic tribe – Robbers, like to plunder.

Genesis 36:12 – decedents of Esau. Exodus 17:8-16

Deuteronomy 25:17-19 – Moses said to Joshua "blot them out!"

1 Samuel 15:3

Divine Commission: (Chance to prove his faith)

1 Samuel 15: 4-6

"Saul said to the Kenites" – Had been a great people at one time, but broke up into small groups. Judges 1:16; Gen. 15:19

1 Samuel 15: 7-8

Saul's Disobedience: 1 Samuel 15:3

Saul's Obedience: "and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword." 1 Samuel 15:3

1 Samuel 15:9

James 1:13-15

2. Verses 10-23 – Failed Obedience:

1 Samuel 15: 10-11

"I regret that I have made Saul king," – Divine grief; God's grief and sorrow at the sinful rebellion of Saul.

Genesis 6:6

Ephesians 4:30

1 Samuel 15: 12-13

Saul Substituted Saying For Doing: "I have carried out the command of the LORD."

James 1:22

Jeremiah 17:9-10

1 John warns about saying one thing but doing another: 1 John 1:6 – "If we say" (We lie to others)

1 John 1:8 – "If we say" (We lie to ourselves)

1 John 1:10 – "If we say" (We lie to God)

1 Samuel 15: 14-15

Saul excuses himself by throwing Israel under the bus! 1 Samuel 15:9

1 Samuel 13 – Saul blames Samuel

1 Samuel 14 – Saul blames Jonathan

1 Samuel 15 – Saul blames the people

Substituted Sacrifice For Obedience: “to sacrifice to the LORD”

Proverbs 28:13

1 Samuel 15:16-19

“Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD,” – God pinpoints the root problem, that of disobedience; 1 Samuel 15:23 – “rejected the word of the LORD,”

1 Samuel 15:20-21

Verses 22-23 – God’s Priority Of Obedience Over Sacrifice: 1 Samuel 15:22

Sincere Obedience Is The Precondition For Pleasing Service To God! –
“to obey is better than sacrifice,”

1 Samuel 15:23

“For rebellion is as the sin of divination,” – God looks at rebellion as in the same category of witchcraft, sorcery. Witchcraft at its source is rebellion against God. It is taking the side of evil against righteousness.

All Conscious Disobedience Is Essentially An Act Of Idolatry: And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. (Elevates self above God)

3. Verses 24-35 – No Desire For Obedience:

1 Samuel 15:24

“I have sinned;” – Pharaoh said this to Moses – Exodus 9:27; 10:16; Balaam – Numbers 22:34; Achan – Joshua 7:20; David said it and meant it – 2 Samuel 12:13.

Substituted Reputation For Character: 1 Samuel 15:25-26

1 Samuel 15:27 – Saul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore; Violence – Got in the flesh.

1 Samuel 15:28-29

“Glory of Israel” – literally “Eminence”, emphasizing His eternal nature. Here the passage speaks of God’s immutability. He does not change.

1 Samuel 15: 30-35

“And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death;” – 1 Samuel 19:24, Samuel sees Saul at Ramah.

“not see” – “to give attention; to take heed, to regard with interest”; God was done with Saul and so was Samuel!

Application:

1. God Never Called Us To Be Popular Or To Have A Great Reputation, But He Did Call Us To Be Honest And Faithful.
2. The Person With Integrity Is Concerned Only With Serving God And Doing His Will: If We Choose Our Will Over God’s Will, We Will Suffer The Consequences For It.
3. Saul Substituted Saying For Doing; Substituted Sacrifice For Obedience; Substituted Reputation For Character.
4. Sincere Obedience Is The Precondition For Pleasing Service To God.