

Saul and the Amalekites

1 Samuel 15

Amalekites

Attacked during Wanderings

God Decreed Judgment

God's Instructions Clear

- "Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey" (1Sam. 15:3).

What Saul did

- Spared Agag
- Best of sheep / oxen/
calves/ lambs
- All that was despised -
destroyed

God's Response

- I Regret...
- He turned back from following me
- Has not performed my commandments

Saul's thoughts

I HAVE

Bleating?

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and

“Reasons”

- The PEOPLE –
- Will offer in Sacrifice

Samuel's Response

- Made King by God
- Sent on Mission – destroy
- Why NOT obey?
- Why DO evil?

Saul INSISTS

- I have obeyed –
- I ‘WILL’ destroy
- The PEOPLE...
- To offer in Sacrifice

- “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in *obeying* the voice of the LORD?

- *Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,*
and to listen than the
fat of rams.

- For *rebellion* is as the sin of divination, and *presumption* is as *iniquity* and *idolatry*.

- Because you have *rejected the word of the LORD*, he has also rejected you from being king.”

Substitute RITUAL for Obedience

Changing God's Word

Obey FROM
the Heart

John 14:15

“if you love me, you
will keep my
commandments”

John 14:21

"Whoever has my
commandments and
keeps them, he it is
who loves me..."

John 14:24

"Whoever does not
love me does not keep
my words"

1 John 5:3

- For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Romans 6:15-16

- Slaves to whom OBEY
 - Sin → death
 - obedience → righteousness

Vs. 17-18

- Were – slaves of sin
- OBEYED from the heart
- Set free from Sin
- Slave of Righteousness

