



THE BOOK OF

# 1 SAMUEL



## Sermon Series Notes

### 1 Samuel 13-15 - The Rejection of Saul

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God tells Israel how to act with a king. Deut. 17:14-20 –

1. The king the Lord chooses. (remember, the issue wasn't so much wanting a king but a problem of the timing and attitude).

**Then he addresses heart issues of the king;**

2. Must not acquire horses from Egypt

3. Not take many wives

4. Not accumulate wealth ) V. 20 Says: not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the left or the right. (reading History of Christianity in Plain language (those who don't read history are doomed to repeat it)- *Pope Innocent III declared in the 1200's That the pope is God's chief minister, set between God and man, a little lower than God, a little higher than man, who judges all and is judged by no one.*

**Solution:** write his own copy of the law. Read it daily. But most importantly- Follow carefully all the words of this law and decrees (V. 19)

Solomon- wisest of kings, reflecting back on his mistakes. Eccl. 12:11-14 *The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails--given by one Shepherd. Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them... Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole [duty] of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.*

Saul's downfall that led to his **Rejection:**

1. He lived according to his heart as his authority **Self-Determination (define)** I did it my way.
2. As a result, he approached God on his own terms and not in the prescribed way. . **Rationalization-**
3. As a result, he thought his plan was better than the Lord's (I'll keep the best)
4. As a result, He allowed pride to take him down. **-self admiration**
5. As a result, **blame Projection** (15:15; 21). and then **-justification**
6. As a result, instead of being quick to repent (as a man after God's heart would have), **he entrenches his position. Minimization.**

What should have Saul done to be accepted rather than rejected? (A Message For Believers)

1. **Humbled himself.** V. 23 –Arrogance is like the evil of idolatry. Saul set up a monument to honor himself.

2. Acts 26:20 I preached that they **should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.**
  - a. Acts 3:19- Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord-
    - i. -Be quick to repent-
    - ii. - Acknowledge/confess your guilt.
    - iii. Repentance brings times of refreshing
  - b. - **demonstrate their repentance by their deeds** as quickly as possible.
3. **Recognize the heart of obedience verses spiritual fluff.**
  - a. V.21 Obedience easily becomes a legalistic adherence to law and not the heart. Partial obedience is complete disobedience.
  - b. V.22 Is 1:13-  
Hosea 6:6 I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings.

God is saying through Hosea: *I don't desire your sacrifice, your effort. What I desire is a loyal love that is extended to others because of intimate understanding of me, a relationship with ME. The rest will flow out of that.*

- a. Obedience comes from **knowing God.**
- b. **Psalm 40:6-8** *I desire to do your will*