

God's leaders must address their

"DISOBEDIENCE"

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1 SAMUEL 15:1, 3 and 7-9 NKJV – (1) Samuel told Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you king of his people Israel. Now listen to the LORD's words. (3) Now go and attack Amalek. Claim everything they have for God by destroying it. Don't spare them, but kill men and women, infants and children, cows and sheep, camels and donkeys." (7) Saul attacked the Amalekites from Havilah to Shur, east of Egypt. (8) He captured King Agag of Amalek alive. But he claimed all the people for God by destroying them. (9) Saul and the army spared Agag and the best sheep and cows, the fattened animals, the lambs, and all the best property. The army refused to claim them for God by destroying them. But everything that was worthless and weak the army did claim for God and destroy.

Saul was disobedient! Shockingly disobedient! He was disobedient to just be disobedient. He was set in his own way. He disobeyed God. Look at the command in **1 Samuel 15:3** and Saul's response in verses **7-9**. The command was clear.....He totally disobeyed God! We can't get to the right destination going the wrong direction. We can't do wrong and then expect things to turn out right. For some reason we figure we can disobey God and still expect the promises of God. We say to ourselves, "I'm going to get the promises of God, but I'm going to get them my way."

Isn't that a demonic mind set? Isn't that something kind of sick? Isn't this a conflict? But what we don't understand is in a demonic mind, nothing is wrong! Disobedience is a dangerous thing. It's an anointing killer. It will destroy us because we fail to believe God enough to do it God's way.

Saul is so disobedient look at what he said in verse (13) when the Prophet Samuel approached him about his failure to follow instructions, "Saul said, "The LORD bless you. I carried out the LORD's instructions." When Samuel asked what was he hearing in the background, Saul said (15) Saul answered, "The army brought them from the Amalekites. They spared the best sheep and cows to sacrifice to the LORD your God. But the rest they claimed for God and destroyed."

In other words, Saul is lying through his teeth! Isn't it amazing that the people who pose themselves as obedient although all the while they are disobedient have the nerve to get mad against God because God isn't responding to them while their going their own way. Totally disobedient! And because of his disobedience, the man is in a grave situation. You see when we have a problem and we don't accept responsibility for that problem, we end up in worst shape than we were before. Disobedience is when you think you can get to the right destination going the wrong route. Saul was disobedient. Ask God to search your spirit. What does He see? Ask Him to restore a new heart. [Repent!](#)

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 78:10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Disobedience to God always brings on DETRIMENTAL consequences.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"