

God's leaders must address their

"NON-REPENTANCE"

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1 SAMUEL 15:25 AMP – (25) Now, please, pardon my sin and return with me, so that I may worship the LORD.” **(26)** But Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.” **(27)** As Samuel turned to go [away], *Saul* grabbed the hem of his robe [to stop him], and it tore. **(28)** So Samuel said to him, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to your neighbor, who is better than you. **(29)** Also the Splendor *and* Glory *and* Eminence of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind.”

The big thing about Saul was he refused to repent! He couldn't because he was in denial. Repent from what? He believed he never did anything wrong. People don't repent who are in denial because they never assumed responsibility for being wrong. The very thing that made David better than Saul was that David knew how to repent!

PSALM 51:4 - Against You, You only, have I sinned.

PSALM 51:10 - Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

PSALM 27:9 - Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

David knew how to **repent!!!!!!!!!!!!** He would throw himself on the mercy of the court in a minute. And God said I will use David and kill Saul because David would repent. Repentance is a gift from God. It just doesn't make sense to the fact of why Saul didn't just say, "I'm sorry. I was wrong. Forgive me. Cleanse me and deliver me. But instead, Saul would not repent. Bent on destruction, he would not repent. You can't do it anytime you want to. God gives us what is called the grace of repentance. There is a grace that comes into your life. It's just the opportunity to change. When God starts convicting you about something that means he's giving you grace to change. Now be careful that you don't get to the point of no conviction. Where it don't bother you anymore. You can be in church or in a conversation talking about God or hearing about God and be just as evil as you can be, but you will agree with what thus says the Lord, but it has no application to you. They will AMEN in a heart beat, but there mind is made up that He isn't talking to me. But actually the sermon, message or counseling is just for them.

But then you have the other person who has his or her head down saying to themselves, "Lord have mercy on me." And what many don't know is that a bow down head is a gift from God. That tear in the corner of the eye is a gift from God. God gives you the gift to repent. It's the opportunity to change and if God convicts you, you ought to run to the altar! You ought to run to His presence! You ought to run to His grace. The problem was that Saul refused to repent. David was actually worse. But he ended up getting better because he repented. God can use somebody who repents. Repent means to change your mind. Godly sorrow works repentance not to be repented of again. You come to a place in your life where you say I am sick and tired of doing things my own way! I keep messing myself up! I've been in this city for many years and have had four jobs or I've been married two or three or four times. But because you are in denial you don't repent. And because of this mindset, you lose the kingdom. Samuel get ready to walk out the door and Saul steps on Samuels garment and the garment rips. Samuel turns around and looks at him and Says, "So shall the kingdoms be ripped from you." It's a terrible thing to be ripped from your kingdom. To lose something God gave you because you to stubborn to change. Use your head, There is something God gave you that is too precious to lose because of your own, continued ungodly ways.

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 20:21

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: True repentance is about transformation, not torture or torment.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"