## God's leaders must address their "ARROGANCE"

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**1 SAMUEL 15:16 NKJV** – **(16)** "Be quiet," Samuel told Saul, "and let me tell you what the LORD told me last night." "Speak," Saul replied.

**1 SAMUEL 15:20-21 NKJV – (20)** "But I did obey the LORD," Saul told Samuel. "I went where the LORD sent me, brought back King Agag of Amalek, and claimed the Amalekites for God. (21) The army took some of their belongings—the best sheep and cows were claimed for God—in order to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

Saul was arrogant. He doesn't come into the presence of the profit and say I was wrong, I'm sorry, I made a mistake, He instead says, "What are you talking about, I did what He said." I obeyed the word. The prophet Samuel asked him again, He said I did everything I was told to do.) He is arrogant!

His arrogance is proven through his voice when the prophet approached him. Samuel said, "Here is your problem, I'm going to tell you what the Lord told me last night" Saul was like, "Say on." Or in todays language "And." Samuel said, "(17) Samuel said, "Even though you don't consider yourself great, you were the head of Israel's tribes. The LORD anointed you king of Israel."

Why? Because of his humility. Many of us would be shocked to discover people who can't receive a blessing because they have become unthankful, ungrateful and / or forgot where they came from! They got a new car, got a new job, got a new hair-do, got a new house, received some extra money, etc. But forgot where it came from! Was little to nothing and now they got a little something, but forgot and don't care enough about addressing it because to them it was about time or I was due for it! So then I guess they believe that their just that important!

People get blessed and get crazy and lose the very thing that got them recognized. They get careless or complacent! They start off with a humble attitude and eventually it's thrown out the window. Whatever you do, don't lose your humility. Once you start believing you are all that, God can't use you! God has to bring you down because you forgot!

You see God blessed Saul because he was once one of those people who said thank you and he was sincere. He didn't complain, he didn't murmur, he just like one of us was just happy to be in. In his eyes, back then, he didn't think he was worth it, but years later, he changed for the worse. Many of us have asked God for something and He gave it, but we acted ungrateful. Could it be possible that a little adjustment to our attitude could change our altitude? We must humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord. REPENT!

**SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 5:6** 

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Arrogance is perfection after the first draft.

