

God's leaders must address their

"DENIAL"

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1 SAMUEL 15:14 -15 and 21 NKJV – (14) But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" **(15)** and Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed." **(21) The soldiers took sheep** and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal."

Saul sits up and denies everything. He denied that he disobeyed God from the beginning; he denied that it was his fault. And this is how you know he was a terrible leader because a good leader will take full responsibility for mistakes. Leadership is not passing the buck but taking responsibility for what was or is wrong!

- 1) Supervisor in office.
- 2) Leadership over country.
- 3) Leadership in marriage.

If they have excuses and will not take responsibility, they are not good leaders at all. They are in denial.

When Saul was pressed by Samuel, Saul said, "**(21) The soldiers took sheep** and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal."

One of the characteristics of the denial spirit is when the spirit of blame comes on. You ever heard people say, "It's your fault I'm like this." People like that will never be better because unless they change they will never take responsibility for what role they played.

Saul said it was the peoples fault. How can that be when he was given the command? It was him that was in charge. It was him who had the last say. And it was him that God was going to judge, but he was forever blaming people. Be careful because the spirit of blame will come up in your kids or grand kids, your co-workers, friends and it's dangerous to be around such a person because when they get desperate they will start throwing names out. It was John, it was James, It was Joe, it was Helen, no it was Saul. People must be taught and people must exercise responsibility. All Saul had to do was say he was wrong. I just blew it, I was wrong. But because he is intense denial, he never confronts his own issues. Therefore, he is lying to himself. And once you can lie to yourself, I know you will lie to others. He was anointed and he was gifted. Just because you're anointed doesn't mean you're gifted. You will never be better until you confront your own issues. You must look yourself in the face and say I was wrong, it was me, I am at fault and I am going to **REPENT** today!

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 18:27

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Denying the truth doesn't change the facts!

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"