

S.O.H.L. (07/19/09)

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Partial Obedience = No Obedience

Read **1 Samuel 15** (The story of King Saul).

Now that you have read the chapter, let's paraphrase what has happened in this story. King Saul is given instructions to destroy all of the Amalekites, however; he saves King Agag and some of the good animals. Samuel approaches him about his partial obedience to the instructions of God. King Saul attempts to justify his behavior, only to admit later he was wrong. Remember, God knows our hearts (**Jeremiah 17:9**)! Therefore, if you are saying or thinking to yourself, "maybe the king made a mistake or accidentally veered off course." Again, God knows our heart! God was disappointed that He made him a king. Did the king have wrong motives or intentions from the beginning?

Let's do a self examination. When you do an unsatisfactory job for God, do you actually believe He is pleased or He will settle for what you have done? Do you hope He will sympathize saying the famous line that goes as follows "God knows my heart." God has informed me to let His people know that "Partial obedience = no obedience. There is no other way around it. We either obey or disobey. Many people are trying to justify bad works with good works, darkness with light or carnal, fleshly and worldly behavior with Holiness. We are not perfect people, we live in a sinful world, but it is no excuse to practice partial obedience.

King Saul was instructed by God and he made his own decision, to do it his own way! King Saul depended on his own wisdom or I will say that he yielded to the way the world executes everyday life. Some of us have grown content and happy living in mess. Many will not enjoy or even agree with this meditation, but God has instructed me to write. Therefore, I will not be partial about anything, but to make a true effort to be obedient in everything! God isn't out to hurt us, but to let us know that our displeasing ways of life are very disappointing to Him. He knows and can see everything we are doing. It is called (exposure). Nothing else needs to be said. Just know that "Partial obedience = no obedience." **Caution:** Don't deceive your self into thinking otherwise.

SCRIPTURE READING: 3 JOHN 1:11

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: To live without God is to live without hope.

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