

The Kingmaker

The Obedient

1 Samuel 15

We don't get to determine how to follow God. God does. So, do things His way. Obey God.

Why Revelation Matters

1 Samuel 13.14 But now your kingdom shall not endure. The Lord has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."

1 Samuel 15.28 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."

15.1 Then Samuel said to Saul, "The Lord sent me to anoint you as king over His people, over Israel; now therefore, listen to the words of the Lord. 2 Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he set himself against him on the way while he was coming up from Egypt. 3 Now go and strike Amalek and utterly destroy all that he has, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'"

17 "Never forget what the Amalekites did to you as you came from Egypt. 18 They attacked you when you were exhausted and weary, and they struck down those who were straggling behind. They had no fear of God. 19 Therefore, when the Lord your God has given you rest from all your enemies in the land he is giving you as a special possession, you must destroy the Amalekites and erase their memory from under heaven. Never forget this!

10 Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel, saying, 11 "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands." And Samuel was distressed and cried out to the Lord all night.

19 Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord, but rushed upon the spoil and did what was evil in the sight of the Lord?”

22 Samuel said, Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices

As in obeying the voice of the Lord?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,

And to heed than the fat of rams.

23 “For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has also rejected you from *being* king.”

Obedience is evidence of a relationship with God.

God has revealed everything we need to follow Him. Trust God and obey Him.

Why Following Jesus Matters

To disobey God is to place our interests and beliefs ahead of His. We know better than God.

Following Jesus is to trust Jesus. It is a faith act, based on evidence.

It is also an act of obedience. The very act of following is in obedience to his call.

We then live our lives in obedience to Jesus. This is inseparable from faith.

In the end, disobedience always leads to judgment. Follow Jesus.