

Oak Hill Baptist Church

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1 Samuel 15:1-35

Why Did You Not Obey the Voice of the Lord?

When the Lord calls you to do something, or convicts you to stop doing something, do you listen and obey? Do you obey God?

Is there anything you are keeping back for yourself that you know God is telling you to lay down?

The wages of sin is death! There is consequence for sin for the lost (eternal separation from God) and there is consequences for sin for the saved (worldly consequences or potential withholding of blessing).

When you repent, do you bring things to light and seek community to help and pray or do you hide your sin?

Romans 2:12 *For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.*

Romans 3:10-12 *“None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”*

Romans 3:23 *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 6:20-23- *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Vs 1-3 God sees our hearts. God sees our heart for Him or our heart for sin.

Job 33:26 *Then man prays to God, and he accepts him; he sees his face with a shout of joy, and he restores to man his righteousness.*

God has seen that Amalek and the Amalekites do not worship God or live for God; and, they strive to kill and wipe out God's people. God justly judges these people. Their sin has brought death to them.

God is loving, righteous and just. He will protect His people, and He will deliver His people. Those who rise up against God and His people will be judged.

Romans 13:1-5 *For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.*

Vs 4-9 Saul was peaceful to those who had helped God's people. Saul obeyed God and was victorious against those who rose up against God's people.

Do you love the things God loves? Do you support the things God supports? Do you live for God?

God righteously judges the people of the Amalekite nation. The reason He does not want them on the earth is because they are against His people; and, they negatively influence God's people with their pagan rituals and practices.

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As God's people now, we share Jesus with people who are lost. We do this in the hopes that they will repent of their sins and ask Jesus to be their Lord. Jesus saves!

1 Corinthians 15:33 *Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."*

Deuteronomy 20:18 *That they may not teach you to do according to all their abominable practices that they have done for their gods, and so you sin against the Lord your God.*

Vs 10-16 Once Again Saul either did not do what God told Him, or he would do things the way he wanted and not seek God.

God is our leader, Lord, Master, and King. We should seek to live for Him and obey Him.

Do you deliberately disobey God? Do you seek God's direction and listen to Him and obey Him? As Christians, we are saved by grace through faith, but God does care if we live for Him. There might be areas of your life that God would use you more if you lived for Him and obeyed Him.

Samuel was sad when Saul did not obey God. Samuel spoke to Saul and shared this hard news.

God uses us to speak into each other's lives. It should grieve us when someone disobeys God. We should celebrate when people's lives are changed for God!

We see Saul's heart when Saul sets up a monument of himself. Do you give God or yourself glory?

It is possible to be so unaware of our own sin that we even justify our deeds as being for the Lord, or we justify disobeying God. Saul feels like He is okay disobeying God, and Samuel rebukes him. Saul did not save the animals for God. Saul disobeyed God because he wanted to save the animals.

What sin are you justifying in your own life now, even though you know it is wrong and you should not do it? Ask God to forgive you. Ask God to help you obey Him in that area.

Vs 17-23 Do you obey God or do you make excuses?

When we disobey God, it is because we think we know better than God. This is sin.

Saul blames the people instead of taking responsibility. Do you blame others or do you repent of sin?

God delights when we obey Him. When we disobey God, it is sin. It is rebellion.

Vs 24-30 When God tells us, as His people (Christians), to do something, we should obey. What does a disciple of Christ do? They obey. Saul is impetuous and will deal with the consequences.

Proverbs 26:11 *Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.*

Saul repents and is finally honest. He was fearful of the people instead of fearful of God.

In what areas are you more fearful of people than you are fearful of God?

In what ways are you doing what you want to do knowing it is wrong. Worship God and do not reject Him. He will bless your obedience.

Vs 32-33 Samuel did what God told Saul to do. Samuel obeyed God.

It makes God sad when we sin. It should make us, as Christians, sad when our brothers and sisters fall.

What do you need to repent of now? What do you need to do, or not do, because God has told you?

There are consequences to sin. God may forgive us, but He may also take away blessing, or lift His hand of blessing off of us.

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