

1 Samuel 15

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15 Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD. (God made you king, so now, obey Him)

(Samuel is trying to remind Saul where he came from and who made him king. It won't work. Saul's ego is already out of control)

NOTE: (King David turned out to be just the opposite. He was a good king who remained true to God for his entire life)

²Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. (Amalek was the grandson of Esau. The Amalekites were the first to attack Israel, when they were leaving Egypt) Exodus-17

³Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass. (This is judgment on the Amalekites for what they tried to do to Israel. If the Amalekites had had their way, they would have killed every man, woman and child of Israel)

NOTES: (People who have a problem with God's judgments tend to forget that this life is just a test. Our true life happens after we leave this world)

(These Amalekites will get a chance to repent and live forever with God, IF they choose to do so. They went against God when they tried to wipe out Israel; and thus – wiping out the seed line that would bring forth Jesus Christ – God with us)

(In ten end days of this Age, Satan, as antichrist, will deceive the world by drawing the people away from God, into damnation. He won't get a chance to repent for that great sin. He was already judged to die because he rebelled against God during the First Age)

⁴And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. (Telaim is in the southern part of Judah)

⁵ And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley. (laid wait = fought skirmishes there – better translation)

⁶ And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

(The Kenites had already wormed their way into Israel through deceit. Over the years, they became the scribes or record keepers. They had pretty much infiltrated all the tribes and nations of that area) see 1Chronicles-2:50-55

(Kenites get along with anyone, as long as they are able to make a living off of them – like parasites. They are still at it today, in banking, politics, developing properties and building cities)

⁷ And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt.

⁸ And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

⁹ But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly. (God didn't tell Saul to take Agag, nor the livestock. They decided to take the spoil for themselves. This was rebellion against God's command. It was God who gave them the victory in the first place)

(Making Agag a vassal king in Saul's court would feed his ego. He was totally unfit to be king over anyone, let alone Israel)

¹⁰ Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,

¹¹ It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. (God is disappointed at having chosen Saul. Saul is failing in every test that God has asked of him)

NOTE: (We have free will in this life – to follow God or to follow the ways of the world. Saul is failing miserably – probably because of his ego)

¹² And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. (Saul is setting up a palace for himself in Carmel; with the spoils that he took from the Amalekites, against God's commandment)

¹³ And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD. (Not only didn't he perform what God commanded; now he's lying about it to Samuel. So now, Saul has degraded himself to become a crook and a liar. He is clearly not qualified to be a leader)

¹⁴ And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? (Samuel hears the sound of the livestock from Amalek that Saul was told to destroy. Saul kept the livestock as spoils of the battle, against God's command)

¹⁵ And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. (He's blaming the people, and yet, he's the king. Saul has become a typical bad leader, not taking any responsibility for his actions, and using others as a scapegoat for what he did. He is a weak man and a pathetic leader)

NOTES: (Barrack Obama was such a bad leader as Saul, with his "lead from behind" mentality. He was a useless corporate shill who turned the black and white races against each other; so that he wouldn't have to be a leader)

Also: (the Lord THY God, not the Lord MY God. That tells us everything that we need to know about Saul's relationship with God)

(The sacrifice or offering that Saul is talking about is a peace or a thank offering. After the fat is offered, the people ate the meat of that offering. Saul is planning many banquets with these "offerings". He thinks that he can con Almighty God)

¹⁶ Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

(Stay = stop <lying>) (Samuel is telling him, stop; think; cut the BS. You're not fooling anyone; especially God)

¹⁷ And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? (Little in they own sight – he was a humble man) (Saul couldn't even find his own donkeys without help) Chapter-9:21

¹⁸ And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. (Destroy everything – This is a direct command from God. HE is the judge; HE is the creator. If He wants to end the Amalekites, it is His prerogative)

(Of course, they will be like all people in the afterlife. Those who are judged to be good people will live forever with God in the Third Age. Those who are evil will be gone forever)

¹⁹ Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? (Saul failed to obey God on his first mission. He did it to profit himself. He is guilty and will be judged for it)

²⁰ And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. (He's still trying to squirm out of his offence. He thinks that he can con God. He needs to shut up and take responsibility for his actions)

²¹ But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. (Blaming the people again; he says they just wanted to make a sacrifice. He is trying to fool Samuel with these fake "good intentions")

NOTE: (Saul is corrupt and greedy because of his power as the king. He thinks he can rationalize whatever he does; and that Samuel and God will just accept it)

Leviticus-27:28-29 (The devoted things. These are things that God has placed a ban on. They are one of the "most holy things". They already belong to God. Saul was trying to sacrifice to God what already belongs to Him. So even in his lie, he is guilty of sin against God)

²² And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. (God does not accept sacrifices from liars and sinners) see Jeremiah-6:20, Isaiah-1:11

Hosea-6:6 (God wants our love, not our sacrifices. To obey God is to love Him. Love God and He will love you)

²³ For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. (Satan started a rebellion against God in the First Age, and was damned for it. Here, God rejects Saul from being king because Saul rejected God's command. This is also a rebellion against God)

(Turn against God and He will turn against you. Saul's reign will continue to go downhill from now on, because he no longer has God's blessings)

²⁴ And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. (It's too late. Saul has been judged by God. Excuses won't cut it. Besides, no king should fear the people. His job was to lead them, not fear them. He is a weak man who tries to get by with excuses)

²⁵ Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. (His repentance is superficial. Saul thinks he can wheel and deal with God. He'll say whatever it takes to remain as king)

(A true repentance would have been for Saul to step down as king. God is in charge, not Saul)

²⁶ And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. (God and Samuel have both had enough of Saul's excuses)

(This was not the first time Saul disobeyed God. When Saul had made a sacrifice to God, instead of waiting for Samuel to arrive, his sons lost the kingship. Now on this second offence, Saul himself has lost the kingship)

(If Saul had any strength of character, he would have stepped down at this time and truly repented. He didn't because he chose earthly wealth and power over God)

²⁷ And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. (Saul was still refusing to accept God's judgment. Now he laid hands on Samuel to try to force things to go his way)

²⁸ And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou. (Now the kingdom will work against Saul until he is done; and the people will learn of it)

(better than thou – God may have already chosen David to succeed Saul. God's not naming David yet because Saul would probably kill him while he had the chance)

²⁹ And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent. (The Strength of Israel is God. HE is the judge. Saul is not going to force God to do anything)

³⁰ Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God. (my people, thy God – this says it all about Saul)

(Saul wants to keep the rejection quiet so he can remain king over Israel <my people>. And in the same sentence, he says <thy God>)

³¹ So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

³² Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. (delicately = contently, happily – better translation)

(Surely the bitterness of death is past - Agag figures that he put one over on Saul)

³³ And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal. (This was God's judgment on Agag for

his many murders of Israelites. Samuel had to do it because Saul would not)

³⁴ Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

³⁵ And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel. (Saul turned out to be a big disappointment as king because of his lack of character)