

Disobedience
1 Samuel 15

14:47-52

Saul ruled well, but his rule was like the "kings of other nations," and he fought a lot of his battles not the Lords.

15:1-9

The Amalekites were the first people to attack Israel in the wilderness after the Lord delivered them from Egypt, thus His anger burned against them.

Exodus 17:14-16 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." Moses built an altar and named it The Lord is my Banner; and he said, "The Lord has sworn; the Lord will have war against Amalek from generation to generation."

The Kennites were possibly the descendants of Rahab and Jethro, Moses father-in-law was a Kennite.

Death is a result of sin...disobedience of God.

Hebrews 9:27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.

It is hard for some to understand when God calls for the genocide of a group of sinners, but you must realize that all death is caused by God as a result of our sin.

His ultimate goal is to wipe out an entire race of sinners, the human race. Revelation 20:11-15.

But because of His grace and mercy He has made a plan available to all to defeat the wages of our sin, death.

Hebrews 9:28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

To be obedient to God's hard commands, one must rely on God's Holiness.

If God does it, it is good.

15:10-19

Saul built a monument to himself.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.

Garden of Eden "Surely you will not die." "She saw that it was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and was good for making one wise."

Pride is a primary source of disobedience.

15:20-30

Saul was incomplete in his fulfillment of the command of the Lord to wipe out the Amalekites. He left Agag alive, and obviously left others alive as we see in Esther that Haman, who sought to destroy the children of Israel was an Agagite, and in 1 Samuel 30 David is warring against Amalekites who kidnapped his wives.

Partial obedience is the same as total disobedience.

James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

15:31-35

Isaiah 1:10-17

God doesn't want part of us, or our money, or gifts...He wants all of us.

Obedience is more important than expedience.

Our outside often hides what is inside. Jesus called the Pharisee's white washed tombs.

We go to church and speak Christianese but harbor unforgiveness.

We talk about humility but are filled with pride.

We say we are glad for our neighbor's success but we are filled with Jealousy.

What we do when we think "no one" is watching reveals a lot about what we believe about God.