

Saying Yes to God

The Fall of Saul

1 Samuel 9:17

When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the Lord said to him, “This is the man I spoke to you about; he will govern my people.”

1 Samuel 10:22-24
And the Lord said,
“Yes, he has hidden
himself among the
supplies.

They ran and brought him out
and as he stood among the
people he was a head taller than
any of the others. Samuel said to
all the people, “Do you see the
man the Lord has chosen? There
is no one like him among all the
people.”

The people shouted, “Long live
the King!”

1 Samuel 10:27

But Saul kept silent.

1. Battle of Gilgal

1 Samuel 13:7-13

Saul remained at Gilgal and all the troops with him were quaking with fear. He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal and Saul's men began to scatter.

So he said, “Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings”, and Saul offered up the burnt offering.

Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived and Saul went out to greet him.

**“What have you done?”, asked
Samuel.**

**Saul replied, “When I saw that the
men were scattering and that you did
not come at the set time, and that the
Philistines were assembling at
Mikmash, I thought ‘Now the
Phillistines will come down against
me at Gilgal and I have not sought the
Lord’s favor.’ So I felt compelled to
offer the burnt offering.”**

“You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you.”

Excuses

1. Samuel didn't come sooner.

2. The men were scattering.

3. The Philistines were ready to attack at any moment.

Samuel's rebuttal

You have not kept the
command the Lord
gave you.

2. The Amalekites

1 Samuel 15:9

But Saul and his army spared Agog, the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs. Everything that was good. These they were unable to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.

1 Samuel 15:22-23

“Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord?

To obey is better than sacrifice and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

For rebellion is like the sin of divination. And arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has rejected you as king.”

Nowhere do we see
that he cried out to
God, asking for God's
forgiveness.

David vs Saul

- Saul made excuses and blamed other people.
- David repented and took accountability.

- Pride
- Control
- Lots of different fears.
- Anger
- Bitterness
- Holding onto sin
- Doubt
- Lack of trust
- Worried about what others think.

**1. Make God's voice
the loudest and most
important voice in
your life.**

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all
your heart, and do not
lean on your own
understanding. In all
your ways acknowledge
Him and He will make
straight your paths.

2. Excuses are Disobedience

**3. Obedience is better
than Sacrifice**

