

PREACHING CURRICULUM



THE STRUGGLE FOR OBEDIENCE

1 SAMUEL 15:1-23

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams" 1 Samuel 15:22b

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 1 Samuel 15:1-23. What was the command from the Lord that Saul was to obey? _____

See verses 8-9. In what ways did Saul disobey the Lord's command? _____

How did Saul attempt to justify his disobedience? Why was he initially so confident that he had fully obeyed the Lord's command (verse 13)? _____

How did the Lord respond to Saul's disobedience? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Is obedience to God's commands optional for the Christian? Why or why not? _____

Are there any areas of Christian obedience which you find particularly difficult? If so, what are they? Why do you think that they are so difficult? _____

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

What do we do when, after evaluating our own lives by the standard of God’s law, we find that we too have not been obedient to the Lord’s word as we should have been? Where do we find hope for forgiveness and renewal?

What are the right motivations for us to obey God’s commands? How do we align our motives so that we obey God from proper motives, and not pretentiously, hoping either to avoid punishment or to gain a selfish reward? Where does such motivation come from? _____

4

COMMIT THIS WEEK

What is one area you cultivate a spirit of loving obedience to the Lord this week? _____

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PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

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