

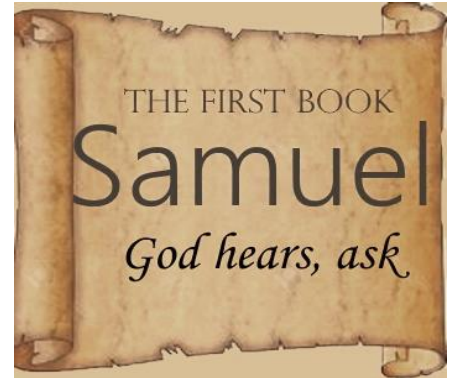
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In the 350 years of the judges before this book; years characterize by the phrase: and the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. Obviously, the Lord said enough and sent Samuel, who was the last judge; a good judge, who moved in the power of the Spirit.

This first book of Samuel, focuses on 3 principle people: Samuel, from his birth to his death, Saul, the first king – the people's choice, and David, the blessed king, the Lord's choice.



To obey the voice of the Lord is better than sacrifice,

¹ Samuel also said to Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint you to be king over his people, over Israel: so now listen to the words of the LORD.

² Thus says the LORD of hosts, I remember what Amalek did to Israel, how he waited to ambush him on the way, when he came up from Egypt.

³ Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them; but slay both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

⁴ So Saul gathered the people, and numbered them in Telaim, 200,000 footmen, and 10,000 men of Judah.

⁵ And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and waited to ambush in the valley.

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

⁷ And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah as you go to Shur, which is east of Egypt.

⁸ And he captured alive Agag, king of the Amalekites, 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, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but everything that was despised and refuse, that they utterly destroyed.

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

¹¹ I reconsider that I established Saul to be king: for he has turned from following Me, and has not executed my instructions.

And it grieved Samuel; and he cried out to the LORD all night.

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¹² And when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, indeed, he set up a monument for himself, then turned, and advanced down to Gilgal.

¹³ And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said to him, Blessed are you of the LORD: I executed the instruction of the LORD.

¹⁴ And Samuel said, What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

¹⁵ And Saul said, They brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; but the rest we have utterly destroyed.

¹⁶ Then Samuel said to Saul, Wait, and I will tell you what the LORD said to me this night. And he said to him, Speak.

¹⁷ And Samuel said, When you were little in your own sight, you were made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed you king over Israel?

¹⁸ And the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are obliterated.

¹⁹ Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD, but ran to the spoil, and did wrong in the sight of the LORD?

²⁰ And Saul said to Samuel, Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and went the way that the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

²¹ But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.

²² And Samuel said, Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice**, and better **to heed** than the fat of rams.

²³ For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft / it is as demonic sorcery, and as hocus pocus traditions and practices, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you rejected the word of the LORD, so also He has rejected you from being king.

²⁴ And Saul said to Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed / I have stepped over the line, I moved the goal post, regarding... the instruction of the LORD, and your words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

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²⁵ So now, Please, pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD.

²⁶ And Samuel said to Saul, I will not return with you: for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.

²⁷ And as Samuel turned to go, Saul grabbed the hem of his garment, and it tore.

²⁸ So Samuel said to him, The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to your neighbor, who is better than you.

²⁹ And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or rethink: for He is not a man, that He should rethink.

³⁰ Then he said, I have sinned: yet please honor me now, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD your God.

³¹ So Samuel returned following Saul; and Saul worshiped the LORD.

³² Then Samuel said, Bring here to me Agag, king of the Amalekites. And Agag came to him relieved. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

³³ But Samuel said, As your sword has made women childless, so your mother will be childless among women. And Samuel slew Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

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

³⁵ And Samuel no more saw Saul until the day of his death: for Samuel grieved for Saul: and the LORD regretted He had made Saul king over Israel.

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