
A Study In 1 Samuel

"Rejection"

1 Samuel 15

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Introduction: As we work our way through 1 Samuel, we have come to a pivotal text.

1. Saul was anointed as king back in chapter 11.
 - The beginning of his reign was encouraging.
 - But then we began to see some problems.
 - These problems guaranteed his kingdom would not last.
 - God would find a replacement.
2. At this point in time, Saul was at a crossroads.
 - If he turned to God and fully submitted, his reign could be salvaged.
 - If not, his kingdom would end.
3. Here in chapter 15, we see Saul's choice. Instead of devotion, we see self-direction.
4. As a result, Saul is rejected. It is a sad story, but one that can teach us a valuable lesson.

I. The Setting For Saul's Rejection

- A. God's Command
- B. God's Reasoning

II. The Basis For Saul's Rejection

- A. Partial Obedience

- B. Rationalization
- C. Blame Shifting
- D. Externalism

Conclusion: Stories like this are difficult to process.

1. Amalec and Saul were getting what they deserved. "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."
– Luke 12:48.
2. We do not know what would have happened if Saul had made different choices.
3. We do know that because of the choices he made, he was rejected.
4. That should teach us to make better choices.
5. God is loving, gracious, forgiving ... turn to Him.