



Children's Cell NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This week, we have the opportunity to explore the teachings of **“Saul Disobeyed God”** (1 Samuel 14-15).

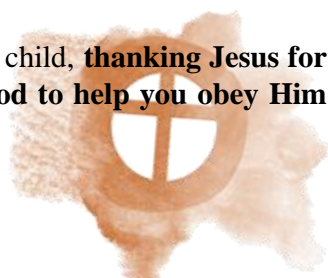
Though Saul led Israel's army with his son Jonathan, he made a foolish oath that caused trouble and almost led to Jonathan's punishment. Later, God gave Saul clear instructions to completely destroy the Amalekites and all they owned. But Saul disobeyed and kept the best animals alive, claiming he would offer them as a sacrifice. Samuel confronted Saul and said, “To obey is better than sacrifice.” Because of his disobedience, Saul was rejected as king. This story reminds us that God desires our obedience and that only Jesus obeyed God perfectly.

This message will inspire your child to grow in the love and light of Jesus. Reinforce the lesson at home by discussing the following points with your child:

- ☐ **Obedience Matters to God:** Saul thought offering sacrifices was enough. Why is it better to obey God than to try to make up for disobedience?
- ☐ **God Sees Our Hearts:** Saul tried to justify his actions. Why does God care about our hearts more than just what we do on the outside?
- ☐ **Jesus Obeyed Perfectly for Us:** We all disobey sometimes, but Jesus always obeyed. How does trusting in Jesus help us follow God better?

You might consider praying with your child, **thanking Jesus for His perfect obedience and asking God to help you obey Him with a joyful heart.**

Grace and blessings in Christ.





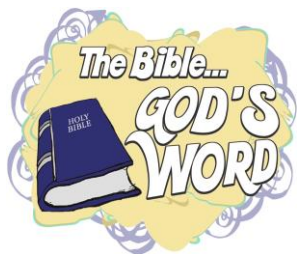
Saul Disobeyed God

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Samuel 14-15

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 103:19

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *Who is our King?*

Jesus is our King forever, and He rules over the world.



Saul and his son, Jonathan, led the Israelite troops to fight God's enemies—the Philistines. Earlier in the day, Jonathan and his servant won a great battle, and the Philistine army was scared.

Saul was eager to attack while they were scared. Saul made his troops promise not to eat any food until the battle was over. Saul said, "The man who eats food before I punish my enemies is cursed." So, none of the troops ate any food. Saul's son Jonathan saw some honey on the ground. He had not heard the instructions from his father Saul, so he ate some of the honey. When Saul learned what he had done, he wanted to punish Jonathan. But the rest of the Israelite army defended Jonathan so that Saul did not harm him. Then Saul stopped chasing after the Philistines, and the Philistines went back to their land.

Later, Samuel came and shared the words of the Lord with Saul. God said, "I remember what the Amalekites did to Israel many years ago. Now attack the Amalekites and completely destroy them. Do not leave any of their animals alive."



Saul and his army attacked the Amalekites. They captured King Agag, and they kept the best of the sheep, cattle, and other animals alive. They were not willing to destroy them; they only destroyed the worthless or unwanted things. The Lord said to Samuel, "I



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regret that I made Saul king because he did not obey My instructions.” Samuel was angry.

Early in the morning, Samuel went to confront Saul. When Saul saw Samuel coming, he said, “May the Lord bless you! I have done what God asked!” Samuel replied, “Why then do I hear the sounds of sheep, goats, and cattle?” Saul said, “The troops brought those animals from the Amalekites. We plan to sacrifice them to the Lord.”

“Stop!”, exclaimed Samuel. “Last night, the Lord told me that he called you, an unimportant young man, to become the leader of all Israel. Then he sent you on a mission and told you to completely destroy the Amalekites. So why didn’t you obey the Lord?”

“But I did obey the Lord!”, Saul answered. “I went on the mission and defeated the Amalekites. The troops took the animals to sacrifice to the Lord.” Samuel replied, “Does the Lord take more pleasure in sacrifices of animals or in obedience? To obey is better than sacrifice. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has rejected you as king.”

Saul disobeyed God’s commands and was rejected as king. We all disobey God’s commands when we sin. Only Jesus perfectly obeyed God at all times. When we believe in Jesus, we are made right with God and accepted by Him.

Key Passage

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**The LORD has established His throne
in the heavens, and His kingdom
rules over all.**

« Psalm 103:19 »



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REMINDER

[Important Notice]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service starts at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



“ Samuel Anointed David” (1 Samuel 16)



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