

Year 2

Week 70

Saul Loses his Crown

Scriptures: I Samuel 15

Key Verse: I Samuel 15:22 “...to obey is better than sacrifice and to heed than the fat of lambs.”

Key Points:

- 1.** Samuel came to Saul and tells him he is to completely destroy the Amalekites. Nothing was to be spared, all people, animals and possessions were to be destroyed. So Saul gathered all the people together and laid wait in the valley.
- 2.** Saul attacked and destroyed the Amalekite nation but saved King Agag, their king. He also spared the best of the sheep, oxen, lambs, and fatlings. All that was good he spared, but destroyed all that was worthless.
- 3.** God spoke to Samuel and told him he was grieved that he had set up Saul as king. Samuel then went to Saul. Saul was proud of himself but Samuel asked him about the bleating of the sheep that he heard. Saul still insisted he had obeyed the word of the Lord and had kept the animals to sacrifice. Samuel told him to be quiet and listen to what the Lord had told him. Saul then admitted to his sin and asked Samuel to forgive him and go back with him to worship the Lord.
- 4.** Samuel refused to go with him. He had rejected the Lord and now the Lord was rejecting him as king.(fulfills prophecy Samuel makes in ch. 12 & 13). Then Saul reached out for him as he turned to leave. He caught hold of the hem of Samuel’s robe and it tore. Samuel said to him that this was just like the lord “tearing” the kingdom of Israel from him. Saul asked again that Samuel worship with him so he did.
- 5.** Samuel then killed King Agag as God had commanded. Saul went to his home. Samuel never saw Saul again but mourned for him. The Lord grieved he had ever made him king. God did not tolerate Saul’s disobedience and expected him to follow the whole law, not just the parts he wanted to. Obeying is better than the sacrifice.

SAUL IS REJECTED BY GOD

(1 SAMUEL 15:10-35)



“Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, it repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be* king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.”

1 SAMUEL 15:10-11



SAUL DISOBEYS GOD

1 Samuel 15:1-29



The Israelites defeat the Amalekites but Saul disobeys God



JONATHAN'S FIGHT & SAUL'S OATH

(1 SAMUEL 14:1-46)

MEMORY VERSE:

"For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few." 1 SAMUEL 14:6

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. "Now it happened one day that Jonathan, the son of Saul, said to the young man who bore his armor, 'Come, let us go over to the Philistines' garrison that is on the other side.' But he did not tell his father." 1 SAMUEL 14:1

TRUE OR FALSE

2. "Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, 'Come let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few.'" 1 SAMUEL 14:6

TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

3. "That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armorbearer made was about (TEN, TWENTY) men within about half an acre of land." 1 SAMUEL 14:14

TRUE OR FALSE:

4. "And the men of Israel were distressed that day, for Saul had placed the people under oath, saying 'Cursed is the man who eats any food until evening, before I have taken vengeance on my enemies.' So none of the people tasted food." 1 SAMUEL 14:24

TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

5. "But (JONAH, JONATHAN) had not heard his father charge the people with the oath; therefore he stretched out the end of the rod that was in his hand and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth, and his countenance brightened." 1 SAMUEL 14:27
6. Now Jonathan said, "How much (BETTER, WORSE) if the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found! For now would there not have been a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?" 1 SAMUEL 14:30
7. "Saul said to Jonathan, 'Tell me what you have done.' And Jonathan told him, and said, 'I only tasted a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand. So now I must (LIVE, DIE)!' " 1 SAMUEL 14:43

TRUE OR FALSE:

8. Saul answered, "No my son, you shall surely not die!" 1 SAMUEL 14:44

TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANK:

9. "The people said to Saul, 'Shall Jonathan die, who has accomplished this great salvation in Israel? Certainly not! As the LORD lives, not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day.' So the people _____ Jonathan, and he did not die." 1 SAMUEL 14:45

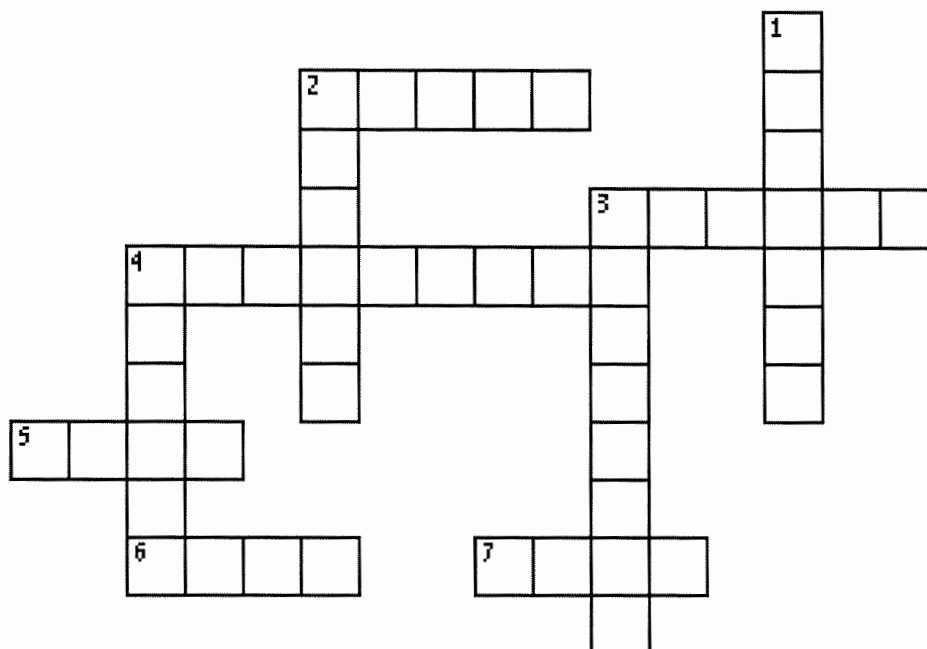
God rejected Saul as King

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- 1 DOWN "And Samuel went no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless Samuel _____ for Saul, and the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel." **1 SAMUEL 15:35**



Bible Pathway Adventures

BIBLE QUIZ

KING SAUL

Match the question with the
answer on the right.

Questions

- ___ Saul was of which tribe of Israel?
- ___ Which group of enemies did Saul fight many times?
- ___ Which Hebrew prophet anointed Saul as king?
- ___ In which town did Saul live while he was king?
- ___ Who was Saul's father?
- ___ Which son of Saul was good friends with David?
- ___ Who told Saul to fight the Amalekites?
- ___ Which son-in-law did Saul try to kill many times?
- ___ Whenever Saul was troubled by an evil spirit, what did David do?
- ___ Saul disobeyed Yah and visited which witch?
- ___ For how many years did Saul reign as king?
- ___ Saul died during which battle?

Answers

1. Samuel
2. Battle at Moun
3. Samuel
4. Forty
5. Witch of Endor
6. David
7. Philistines
8. Kish
9. Play his harp
10. Benjamin
11. Jonathan
12. Gibeah

**Saul
Disobeys
1 Samuel 15**

Listen to Good Advice

King Saul was a good king as long as he listened to God and did what God said. But when Saul decided to stop listening to God, he got into big trouble. Samuel, God's prophet, came to Saul and gave him some good advice. You will get out of the maze only by following good advice. See what happens if you follow bad advice.

➔ MAKE YOUR OWN DECISIONS

➔ IT IS BETTER TO OBEY GOD

➔ LISTEN TO GOD

➔ THINK YOU KNOW BEST

➔ DO YOUR OWN THING



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TRUE OR FALSE
3. "But Samuel said, 'What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?' " 1 SAMUEL 15:14
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4. "And Saul said, 'They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people _____ the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.'" 1 SAMUEL 15:15
5. "Why then did you not _____ the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?" 1 SAMUEL 15:19
6. "And Saul said to Samuel, 'But I _____ obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag, king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.'" 1 SAMUEL 15:20
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I Samuel 15

Memory Verse:

“Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.” I Sam 15:22

Choose the best answer:

God commanded Saul to strike Amelek and devote _____ to destruction.

- a. Some things
- b. Most things
- c. Everything

Saul disobeyed God’s commands and only destroyed:

- a. The idols
- b. All that was good
- c. All that was bad

When Samuel asked Saul what had happened, who did he say was responsible for keeping the cattle?

- a. Himself
- b. Samuel
- c. The people

How many times did Saul deny his own disobedience?

- a. Once
- b. Twice
- c. Three times

As a result of Saul’s sin:

- a. God rejected Saul as king.
- b. Samuel rejected Saul as king.
- c. The people rejected Saul as king.

In an attempt to repent from his sin, Saul:

- a. Sacrificed the cattle.
- b. Donated the gold to orphans and widows.
- c. Killed Agag.

“The LORD _____ that he had made Saul king over Israel.”

- a. Was glad.
- b. Regretted.
- c. Feared.

Answer the following question in your own words:

Saul states that the best of the cattle were meant as a sacrifice to God. Do you think Saul truly believed he had done the right thing? Why do you think God did not see this as good?

Saul Loses his Crown I Samuel 15

Memory Verse:

“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.” I Sam 15:22b

Choose the best answer:

God commanded Saul to strike Amelek and devote _____ to destruction. (15:3)

- a. Some things
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Answer the following question in your own words:

Saul chose to not obey God completely, but to only do part of what He asked. Can you think of a time when we might be tempted to only do part of what is right? Give an example of a time when you might want to only do part of what you’re asked and tell how you can make sure you don’t make the same mistake as Saul!

1. Saul had been rejected by God. That means God didn't want Saul to be king anymore because he was naughty and didn't listen to God.
 - a. Have you ever gotten punished by your parents because you didn't listen to them or you did something they told you not to do?
 - b. What were some things that Saul did that God told him not to do?
 - i. God told Saul to kill king Agag of Amalek, but he didn't
 - ii. Saul sacrificed animals and didn't wait for Samuel at Gilgal
2. Who am I?
 - a. I am the first king of Israel. I disobeyed God and so God rejected me as king. Who am I? (Saul)
 - b. I am God's prophet. He sent me to find a new king at the house of Jesse. Who am I? (Samuel)
 - c. I am the youngest of eight brothers. Jesse is my dad. Who am I? (David)
 - d. I didn't kill king Agag when God told me to kill him. I didn't listen to God, so God told me I couldn't be the king anymore. Who am I? (Saul)
 - e. I was told by God to anoint a new king. I went to Jesse's house with an animal to sacrifice and to find a new king. Who am I? (Samuel)
 - f. Samuel came and told me I was going to be the new king. He poured oil over my head. Who am I? (David)
 - g. When Samuel came to my house, my father did not show me to Samuel at first. I was off taking care of the sheep. (David)
 - h. When I went to Jesse's house, I looked at seven different men. They all looked strong to me. God said he looked not on the outside but at the heart and said that David was the one who would be the best king. Who am I? (Samuel)
 - i. After looking at all of my brothers who were older and stronger, Samuel told me I was to be the next king. The Bible says I am healthy, strong, and good looking. Who am I? (David)

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(1 SAMUEL 15:10-35)

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 COMMANDMENTS
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 LORD

OBEY
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 REJECTED

SAMUEL
 SAUL
 SHEEP
 SPARED

