



Shofar Christian Church

# LOVE AND OBEDIENCE

## Part 2

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## WHY WAS SAUL DISOBEDIENT?

1. *ISOLATION*: “When I saw that the people were scattered from me” (1 Samuel 13:11b).
2. *IMPATIENCE*: “and that you did not come within the days appointed” (1 Samuel 11:13c).
3. *FEAR*: “and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash”  
(1 Samuel 13:11d).

## SAUL DISOBEYS AGAIN

*<sup>8</sup> He also took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.*

*<sup>9</sup> 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 were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.*

**1 Samuel 15:8-9 (NKJV)**

## 1. SAUL'S PRIDE

*13 Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD."*

*14 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 15:13-17 (NKJV)**

## 1. SAUL'S PRIDE

*<sup>15</sup> And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."*

**1 Samuel 15:13-17 (NKJV)**

## 1. SAUL'S PRIDE

*16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak on."*

*17 So Samuel said, "When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel?"*

**1 Samuel 15:13-17 (NKJV)**

## 2. SAUL'S GREED

*18 Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.'*

*19 Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?"*

**1 Samuel 15:18-20 (NKJV)**

## 2. SAUL'S GREED

*<sup>20</sup> And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have 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 15:18-20 (NKJV)**



### 3. SAUL'S FEAR OF MAN

*21 But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal." 22 So Samuel said: "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 heed than the fat of rams.*

**1 Samuel 15:21-24 (NKJV)**

### 3. SAUL'S FEAR OF MAN

*23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king." 24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.*

**1 Samuel 15:21-24 (NKJV)**

## HOW DOES JESUS HELP US OBEY?

1. *Pride -> Humility (Philippians 2:8).*
2. *Greed -> Contentment (1 Timothy 6:6-10).*
3. *Fear of man -> Fear of God (Proverbs 22:4).*
4. *Isolation/rejection -> Community.*
5. *Impatience -> Patience (fruit of the Spirit).*
6. *Fear of death/failure -> Faith.*

## JESUS LEARNED OBEDIENCE

*<sup>8</sup> Even though Jesus was God's Son, He learned obedience from the things He suffered.*

*<sup>9</sup> In this way, God qualified Him as a perfect High Priest, and He became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey Him.*

**Hebrews 5:8-9 (NLT)**