

LESSONS FROM KING SAUL

I Samuel 10:1-9

King Saul started with a humble attitude, a changed converted heart (**I Sam. 10:9**) and a willingness to obey God and do what was right. Unfortunately, like so many of believers today, it is not how we start that matters but it is how we end the race that is best remembered. Saul didn't finish well.

1. **I Samuel 15:22** The first lesson we can learn from this bible experience in King Saul's life is that it is always best to obey God.
2. **I Samuel 18:7-8** The second lesson we learn from King Saul is that when we start believing that we are something special because of our own power, intelligence or anything else, pride will become our worst enemy and God cannot and will not share His glory with anyone.
3. **I Samuel 28:5-7** The final lesson we can learn today from King Saul is that we are never to turn away from the council of God and seek answers from occult sources such as witches, stars, ect.

OBEDIENCE

Obedience leads to – **Fellowship** which leads to **Faith** (confidence) - which leads to **Thankfulness**. **I Samuel 15:22; II Tim. 3:1-5** Just as Saul thought he was okay with God because he had been anointed King, today many Christians think that because they 'look good' in the church house by their service with giving, praying, church attendance and other service they think they are right with God.

Believers Disobedience – **Heb. 13:16** To do good to others, **I Cor. 12:7** Utilizing your spiritual gift to complete the local body, **II Tim. 2:15** Study the bible to be approved of God, **I Thess. 5:17** Pray for all things and all people, **Rom. 12:1-2** Live a holy and dedicated life for God and not for self, **Acts 1:8** Be witnesses for Christ, **Heb. 10:24-25** Fellowship with one another in the church house.

***As believers, when we are disobedient to the Lord's commands we cannot fellowship with God**

FELLOWSHIP

I John 1:1-3 The Holy Spirit wanted us to know that fellowship with each other as believers and with Christ especially, was very possible and was in fact what we should desire to do in our Christian walk.

I John 1:4 John further writes that *joy* is inseparably enjoined with *fellowship*. If there is no fellowship for us there will be no joy. It is reasonable then if there is no joy there will be no fellowship.

I John 1:5-7 Notice that God is light and there is no darkness in Him *at all*. As believers when we are asked about our fellowship with God we often say that we are a little out of fellowship with God as though real Godly fellowship can be measured by degrees. Fellowship is either total or not at all!! If we are not in compliance to His will or if we are not in obedience to what we know to be true in scripture then we are in darkness and He cannot and will not fellowship with anything that is darkness.

FAITH

Hebrews 11:6 God expects His children to believe Him and have confidence in Him and His word.

Romans 10:17 God tells us that we can have more faith if we desire it but it comes from studying His word (**II Timothy 2:15**) putting that faith or confidence to action **James 2:17**.

THANKFULNESS

I Thessalonians 5:18; Phil. 4:6-7 When we fail to be thankful God is not going to be responsive to our prayers. One of the most sinful ways the Jewish nation sinned against God was their constant complaining and their thankless attitude.