



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**UNBELIEF TO THE BELIEVER IS
THE REFUSAL TO ACT LIKE GOD IS TELLING THE TRUTH!**

SERMON OF THE WEEK



THE PRIORITY OF OBEDIENCE

1 Samuel 15:10-25 NLT

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INTRODUCTION

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“Obedience is non-negotiable with God!

—Yet it’s what we’re always trying to negotiate.”

There are three things involved in being “ALL EARS” (Obedient).

OBEDIENCE INVOLVES UNDERSTANDING THAT IT’S...

1) AN _____ (A Command Given) – 1 Samuel 15:1-3 NLT

- God Gave a Command! But Why this Command?
Exodus 17:8-16 NKJV
- God tells us time and time again the benefits of Obedience:
 - † Exodus 19:5-6 NKJV
 - † Deuteronomy 7:12-15 NKJV
 - † Deuteronomy 11:13-28 NKJV
 - † Jeremiah 7:23-29 NKJV
- Jesus comes along and reiterates the same things:
 - † John 14:15 NKJV
 - † John 14:21 NKJV
 - † John 15:10 NKJV

2) ABOUT _____ (A Performance without Modification) – 1 Sam. 15:4-21 NLT

- Obey, what does it mean?
 - *English*: to follow the commands or guidance of, or to conform to or comply with.
 - *Greek* - [hupakouo /hoop-ak-oo-o/] - to listen or to hearken.
Refers to one who on the knock at the door comes to listen who it is.
It means to hearken to a command or submit to.
 - *Hebrew* - [shama` /shaw-mah/]
to hear or listen to;
to hear with attention or interest.
to understand.
to grant a request or yield to.

- The Opposite of Obedience is Disobedience
 - *Greek* - not to allow one's self to be persuaded; to refuse or withhold belief,
to refuse to comply with.
 - Saul was Disobedient
 - † Compare 1 Sam. 15:8-9 to 1 Sam. 15:3 NLT
 - † 1 Samuel 15:8-9 NLT
 - † 1 Samuel 15:3 NLT
 - Saul was Thinking of Himself
 - † See 1 Sam. 15:12 NLT
 - † 1 Samuel 15:8-9 NLT
 - 1 Sam. 15:13-15 NLT - Saul tried to Convince Samuel that his disobedience was
to honor God
 - 1 Sam. 15:16-19 NLT - Samuel reminds Saul of What God commanded
 - 1 Sam. 15:20-21 NLT - Saul tried to explain his disobedience

3) ACTIVATED BY _____ / RESPECT - 1 Samuel 15:22-25 NLT

Who do you desire to please/respect – God or self/man?

- We decide the importance of the one who commands us, in our hearts!
- **1 Sam. 15:22 NLT** - Saul thought he could get away with using *sacrifice* as a standard of importance rather than **Obedience**
- **1 Sam. 15:23 NLT** - Samuel Clarifies what his disobedience
 - **Rebellion** [or revolt] - it is an act or state of disobedience, opposition, or resistance to one in authority.
 - **Divination** - The pagan state or process of stating or determining the future through signs, omens, and supernatural powers. (Implies Satanic Practice)
 - **Insubordination** (stubbornness) - display arrogance, show presumption, i.e., the state or condition of haughty and proud behavior, so insisting on one's own way.
 - **Iniquity** - Evil, wicked motives; which is damaging to one's relationship to God and others.
 - **Idolatry**– Worshipping other gods.
When disobedience is displayed it means you worship another god more than the God you say you worship. (i.e., Yourself, Things and/or Satan)
- **1 Sam. 15:24-25 NLT** - Saul Admits his disobedience, but it is too late
 - He reaped the consequences of his disobedience!

CONCLUSION

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– If you Love Him Keep his Commandments!