

## Saul's Kingdom in Decline – 1 Samuel 15

**God Commands Saul (1-3)** A \_\_\_\_\_ task; a \_\_\_\_\_ task

### **Saul Defeats the Amalekites (4-9)**

- Spared the \_\_\_\_\_ and the best of the \_\_\_\_\_
- Saul's \_\_\_\_\_ - he made the \_\_\_\_\_ on what was destroyed

### **God's Word to Samuel (10-12)**

- "I regret" = God is expressing his \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 6)
- Saul set up a \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

### **Samuel's Confrontation with Saul (13-23)**

- Saul's response – just like Chapter 13:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ others for his disobedience
  2. External religion a substitute for \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God
  3. The \_\_\_\_\_ justifies the \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ obedience = \_\_\_\_\_ obedience
- The word of the Lord through Samuel (vv. 22-23)
  1. To \_\_\_\_\_ is better than \_\_\_\_\_ (Round 2)
  2. Rebellion = rejection of God's \_\_\_\_\_ ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Stubbornness = presumption, arrogance ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Lessons**

1. **With God, \_\_\_\_\_ obedience is not \_\_\_\_\_**
  - Saul did the \_\_\_\_\_ (almost), but not the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Application: Where am I being \_\_\_\_\_ in my obedience?
2. **To obey the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_**
  - *True* versus \_\_\_\_\_ religion
  - The end does not justify the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Application: Micah 6:7-8; Mark 12:32-34
3. **Sometimes God may have us \_\_\_\_\_ another's disobedience.**
  - Ask questions to \_\_\_\_\_ your observations
  - Expect people to do it \_\_\_\_\_ way and to make \_\_\_\_\_

Application: Remember that *rebellion* is \_\_\_\_\_