OBEDIENCE


I Samuel 15:22 & 23

1. OBEY INSTANTLY.
   Saul did not obey completely. (See vs. #9)
   EXAMPLE: Jonah didn’t obey instantly.
   Jonah 1:2 & 3.

2. OBEY WHEN IT MAKES NO SENSE.
   God wanted Amalek entirely destroyed. (Even the men, women, infant, suckling, ox, sheep, camel & ass)
   (See: vs. #3) I Samuel 15:3

   Yes, there were times in battle where God allowed Israel to keep Some of the enemy’s stuff, but each case is different.
   EXAMPLE: Shadrach, Meshach; Obednego – Daniel 3:4-30)

3. OBEY WHEN IT HURTS.
   I Samuel 15:17-19
   Sometimes it does hurt our flesh, sinful nature to obey God.
   Acts 5:29 – “We ought to obey God rather than men.”
4. OBEY WHEN THERE SEEMS TO BE NO BENEFIT IN IT FOR YOU.
I Samuel 15:20-22. It may appear there is no benefit for you to obey. But disobedience IS rebellion. (See: I Samuel 15:23)
Disobedience will bring consequences. I Samuel 15:26 – “…the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.”

5. OBEY TO COMPLETION.
Why don’t we obey?
There are various reasons why we sometimes don’t obey.
In Saul’s case, he “feared the people” – I Samuel 15:24.
EXAMPLE: Noah – Genesis 6:22 – “Thus did Noah, according to ALL that God commanded him, so did he.”

Why is it so hard to obey those in authority over us, and especially God?
Because of Adam & Eve’s sin (of disobedience) in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:17 & Genesis 3:6) our fallen nature is within us. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 64:6)
The only solution is the cross of Christ. The only solution is applying what Jesus did on that cross, personally to us.
Romans 10:9, 10 & 13. Jesus blood was shed to redeem us from our lost, hopeless, helpless state – eternal damnation!
BUT JESUS HAS MADE A WAY, THROUGH THE CROSS! He has redeemed our eternal souls by His precious, sinless blood.
All we need to do, is confess our sins, repent, and receive the gift of eternal life. As we follow Jesus, read the Word and pray each day, His Holy Spirit will lead and guide us into all truth.
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