



King Saul's disobedience

Scriptures: I Samuel 15 : 1~ 35

When Samuel got old, his sons became judges. But his sons wrongly judged people after taking bribes. At their behaviors, all the elders of Israel came to Samuel and said,

"Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in the right ways. Now make us a king."

This displeased Samuel so he prayed to the Lord. God answered him saying,

"The Israelites have not rejected you but Me so that I should not reign over them."

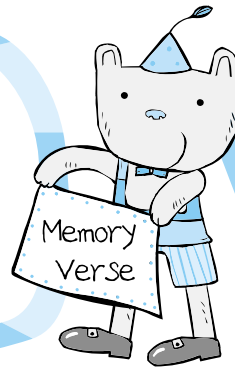
After that, Samuel poured oil on the head of Saul to make him the king of Israel in front of all Israelites who gathered in Mizpah. God said to Saul through Samuel,

"Now go and attack to utterly destroy all men and their belongings."

So Samuel leaded Israel soldiers and made a war. There was a great victory. However, Saul did not follow the God's command. He did not kill all Amalekites because he captured King Agag and spared the best of the sheep and the oxen. Samuel said to Saul,



To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed
than the fat of rams. (1 Samuel 15 : 22)



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Samuel: Why didn't you destroy all the belongings of Amalek according to the God's command?

Saul: I obeyed the voice of the Lord and destroyed the Amalekites. The sheep and the oxen are left for sacrifices to the Lord.

Samuel: Has the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices? To obey is better than sacrifice. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.

Saul: I have sinned because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.
Now please pardon my sin and return with me so that I may worship the Lord.

When Samuel turned around to go away, Saul seized the edge of his robe, which became torn,

Samuel: Because He is not a man,
He will not change His decision.

Because Saul has rejected the voice
of the Lord, the Lord also has rejected
Saul.





Today's Study

The Israelites rejected the Lord

1. Who leaded the Israelites into Canaan out of Egypt?

2. Who protected the Israelites when they were staying in Canaan?

3. Then who is the real king of the Israelites?

4. Why did the Israelites request a king for them? ()

- a) They did not want to obey the word of the Lord
- b) The Lord did not treated them well
- c) Because the other countries have kings
- d) Saul wanted to be a king

"But the LORD is the true _____ ; He is the living _____ and the everlasting _____ ." (Jer 10:10)

Disobedience of Saul

1. When Saul made war with the Amalekites, what did he wrongly behave? Circle the answer.

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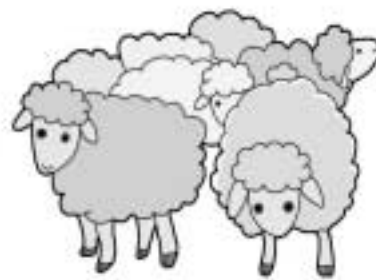
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He took King Agag alive



He didn't utterly destroy Amalek



He took Sheep and oxen for sacrifice alive

3. Then who is the real king of the Israelites?



Today's Lesson

The Lord is pleased with the obedience of children

1. Look at the drawings below and circle the ones where the child is obedient.

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God commanded us to read the Bible all the time.

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I'm going to watch the TV. It's good enough to do only the CornerStone and the memory verse. God should be pleased.

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I'm going to read the Bible. God said to keep ourselves near the Bible.

2. Write down how you are obeying God. Let's share what you wrote with your teacher and others.

3. After learning the today's lesson, who do you think is the person most pleased by God?

And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God (Deu 28:2)



Illustration

* Obedience

A little sparrow eaten by the fox

The mother sparrow always warned her little sparrows,
“Dear, when you find something to eat on the ground, enjoy your meal, but keep in mind to have your ears open for my voice. I will be watching for our enemy from above and when it appears, I will make a loud sound. When you hear my scream, fly up to the top of the tree where I am. Don't go too far, for I am afraid that you might not hear me when that happens.”

The little sparrows scattered to find foods but not too far from mother sparrow. They opened their ears to listen to Mom's voice. But one of little sparrows focused only on finding food and was getting far away from others. While they were eating food, fox appeared and approached little sparrows. When the mother sparrow screamed, other little sparrows flew up to wood, but the little sparrow far from others was captured and eaten by the fox because he couldn't hear mother's warning voice.

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