

TO OBEY

IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE

(1 Samuel 15:1-35)

1. When situations seem out of control, remember the **SOVEREIGNTY** of God. (*Isaiah 45:7-9; Psalm 147:5; Colossians 1:16-17; Proverbs 16:33; Job 42:2; Lamentations 3:37-39*)
2. When God speaks, **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION** and DO what He says! (*Exodus 19:5; 1 Samuel 15:22; Deuteronomy 11:1,13; Isaiah 1:19; John 14:15, 15:14; 2 John 1:6; Luke 11:28*)
3. **TIME** is of no significance to God - He created it! (*Romans 12:19; Isaiah 55:8-9, 57:15; 2 Peter 3:8; Revelation 1:8, 22:13*)

Elements to keep in mind regarding God's difficult directive:
(*Ezekiel 33:11; 2 Peter 3:9; Genesis 18:23-33*)

4. **PARTIAL** obedience is disobedience. (*Deuteronomy 25:17-19; Exodus 17:14-16, Numbers 24:20*)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. What is your reaction to the harshness of God's command to Saul? How would you respond to someone who says they have a difficult time understanding why God would be so harsh (especially if their difficulty seems to be keeping them from the faith)?

3. God waited 400 years to deal with Amalek. Why did He wait so long? What have we to learn from this?

4. There is a big difference between "I can't do that" and "I won't do that". Which of these 'replies' did Saul give God when asked to utterly destroy everything? In what types of situation do we respond to God in the same way? Why?

5. We can treat obedience to God like the game of horseshoes: when we are really close, we are doing pretty good. But why is this not true? Why do we feel that if we are being obedient in the 'big things' that we are doing fine?

