

1 Samuel: Selected Lessons for Leaders

“Leadership by Sight”

1 Samuel 13:1-15; 15:1-35

As the story of Samuel and Saul continues, a confrontation over obedience takes place. Failures to follow God completely reveal decisive character flaws in Saul and serious consequences for Israel. Faithful believers serve God on His terms only!

1. Leadership Involves Trusting God’s Timing (13:1-15)

- **Wait Means Wait (vv.1-12)**
- **The Key to Obedience Is Knowing God’s Heart (vv.13-15)**

2. Leadership Includes Faithfulness in Details (15:1-23)

- **God Gives Clear Instructions (vv.1-3)**
- **Partial Obedience Is Self-Deceptive (vv.4-21)**
- **God’s Attitude toward Obedience and Worship (vv.22, 23)**

3. Even After Forgiveness, Sin Has Consequences (15:24-35)

- **God Desires to Forgive the Sinner (vv.24, 25, 30, 31)**
- **Repentance Has Limited Power over Results of Sin (vv.26-29)**
- **Others Must Fulfill Our Obedience (vv.32-35)**