



Lesson 49: To Obey is Better than Sacrifice (1 Sam 15-16)

Big Idea: God looks at a man's heart. The person who honors God pleases God.

From the story we learned about God's anger with Saul and Samuel anointing David as the new king of Israel.

Please help your child to memorize the verse and the Scripture reference. Please review with them the place of the book of 1 Samuel in the Bible.

Scripture Memory Verse:

1 Samuel 16:7 - For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have each student repeat one thing this story told us about God. "God's judgment is always right and rebellion against God's command is always serious."
2. What is mercy? Where do you see God's mercy in this story?
3. What is justice? Where do you see God's justice in this story?
4. What does it mean that God 'looks on the heart'? What did God see in Saul's heart? What does God see in your heart?

Catechism Question:

Question 24: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Answer 24: Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God.