

## Lesson 2: The Danger of Selective Hearing

### Scripture Reference 15

**OBJECTIVE:** To develop a sense of spiritual obedience, to not bring about regret, so to live a peaceful life.

### Introduction:

Write down what was just said to you:

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### I. Follow Instructions Vs. 1-3

1. Go and Strike Amalek  
Background Scriptures: Ex. 17:8-16; Numbers 24:20, Deut. 25:17-19
2. Utterly destroy all he has and do not spare him
3. Put to death everything

### Read Scripture: Hebrews 11:6

**Q:** What is necessary for us to please God?

**Q:** Can you describe a time in your life when you made a decision, based on leading of God.

### II. Obedience to the Voice Vs. 4-8

Saul carried out the logistics of defeating the Amalekites. He had compassion on the Kenites. He captured the king Agag.

So far, so good.

### Keys to Listening and obeying the Voice of God:

The Word of God – The Bible, The Scriptures

If You want to smell good, what do you do? \_\_\_\_\_

If you want to hear from God, what do you do? \_\_\_\_\_

### Two Types of Word:

- a. **Logos Word** – John 1:1 – the written. We must act on the Logos to receive all from the scriptures of what God intended.

- b. **Rhema Word** – As you seek the Lord through reading, listen for specific things that may speak to your spirit and leap off the page and come to life for you.

**The Rhema Word**, is dependent on the Logos. So, when you believe God has a rhema word, it is a word that speaks to your singleness, marriage, health, hope, job, your assignments, your calling, everything.

**Q:** List somethings that lead to disobedience. Think about why people outright disobey when they know the truth?:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Disobedience Vs. 9

Saul's Disobedience

1. Spared Agag
2. The best of the sheep, oxen, fatlings, lambs and all that was good
3. Not willing to destroy them
4. Everything despised and worthless, they destroyed

### The Key to the Voice of God is Discerning His Will:

- When you are diligent in your pursuit of God and desire to know and do His will, God will allow you opportunities to come to you where you will have to discern His voice in the situation. When it does it will require you to examine the direction you could go.
- When you desire to do His will, you will seek God in prayer.
- One of the ways to discern God's will, is through confirmation. Pay attention to His promises, that He confirms through His Word.

### IV. Disobedience leads to Regret Vs. 10

**Regret Defined:** Is the emotional response to realizing that a past action, decision, or failure to act has led to a negative outcome—especially one that violates personal values, causes harm, or misses an opportunity. It's a form of sorrow mixed with reflection

**God's Disappointment:**

1. God expresses sorrow over Saul's disobedience, making him King
2. Samuel is deeply troubled and cries out to the Lord all night.

**Q: What Does Regret Do to People:**

1. Relationally: Fallout

- Broken trust, can fracture a relationship
- Loss of influence

2. Spiritual Repercussions

- Separation from God, Disobedience disrupts fellowship with God, ie Adam and Eve
- Loss of Favor or anointing, In Saul's case disobedience led to God rejecting him as king

3. Emotional and Mental Consequences

**Q: Which do you experience**

1. \_\_\_ Guilt
2. \_\_\_ Shame
3. \_\_\_ Fear
4. \_\_\_ Anxiety
5. \_\_\_ Restlessness

**V. Saul's Confession Vs. 12-24**

1. Saul sets up a monument to himself—revealing pride.
2. He claims obedience, but Samuel exposes his sin: *"What then is this bleating of sheep?"*
3. Saul blames the people and rationalizes his actions.
4. Samuel delivers a powerful rebuke:
  - a. *"To obey is better than sacrifice."*
  - b. Disobedience is likened to rebellion and arrogance.
  - c. God has rejected Saul as king.

**Q:** How did Saul justify sparing the best livestock in verse 15?

**Q:** What was God's command regarding the Amalekites, and how did Saul deviate from it?

**Q:** Why is obedience considered better than sacrifice according to verse 22?

**Q:** How can fear of people lead us to compromise God's instructions?