

## Heed to His Voice February 01, 2017

1 Corinthians 10:11-13 - Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Something occurred to me as I was watching a program and saw the story of Saul. I went to my Bible and noticed even more things. We can learn multiple things from the life of King Saul but I will keep it brief in this writing.

Most of us know of the disobediences of Saul that had the Lord choose David as the next King of Israel. Most of us believe this was already in God's plans. How can we use the story of King Saul for our personal walk with the Lord?

The first act of disobedience from King Saul was not being patient enough to wait for an appointed time. In his impatience, he did something he was not admonished. In this act, he set himself above the command of God.

1 Samuel 10:7-8 - And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you. 8 You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do."

In chapter 13 we see Saul's disobedience to the above scripture.

Saul waited the seven days but Samuel had not shown up yet to perform the sacrifices. Saul took it upon himself to do the sacrifices which he was not called to do. When Samuel called him out on it, Saul's response was that he was worried the Philistines would attack (1 Samuel 13:8-12).

There was another act by King Saul of disobedience in 1 Samuel 15. When Saul again disobeyed the voice of the Lord, Samuel said this to him:

**1 Samuel 15:22 - So Samuel said: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.**

I could say much more regarding the examples we see from King Saul. The point is that no matter what the Lord speaks to us, we must heed to His voice. When He says to wait, we must wait. If we hear the Lord tell us to drink five glasses of water a day, we must drink five glasses of water (that's a personal example which I have not been doing-I will now). If God says increase your iron intake, research foods and increase your iron intake (another personal one that I haven't followed and have had problems lately-I will now). The point is, sometimes we don't know why God is telling us to do something until the outcome of not doing it happens. There are things the Lord doesn't have to speak to us because they are already in His Word. Sometimes, He will reiterate things because we are spiritually hard of hearing.

To heed His voice we must know His voice. To know His voice we must spend time with Him. The best way to spend time with Him is to spend time in His Word. We must all be careful to never get ahead of God by doing what we think is right without consulting Him first and waiting for Him to speak. We must also be careful to do what He says because He knows what we need even before we do. Pride comes before the fall. King Saul thought himself above God's commands at times and suffered greatly for it. Thank the Lord for the blood of Jesus and the chance for each of us to repent and reset.

Take some time this week to ask the Lord where you have been disobedient to His Voice and His Word. Little things can become big things before we even realize it (both negatively and positively). Time spent with the Lord now is treasure well earned for eternity. Heed to His Voice today.

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