

UNSHAKEABLE part 3

I Samuel 15:1-35

The failure of King Saul in I Samuel 15 helps us understand that the unshakeable Christian experience cannot be separated from the call to complete obedience to the Lord.

I. The Command from God was **DEFINITE** (15:1-3)

Exodus 17:14, 15 ...

Deuteronomy 25:17, 18 ...

Note: “utterly destroy” ...

II. The Response from Saul was **DEFICIENT** (15:4-9)

III. The Shallow Confession of the King was **DENOUNCED** (15:10-23)

IV. The Repentance of Saul was **DELINQUENT** (15:24-31)

V. The Resolution from God was **DECISIVE** (15:32-35)

Conclusions:

1. The story of the failure of King Saul is a story of the disaster of partial obedience.

2. His experience is one of many in the Old Testament that happened ... (11) ... “as an example ... (I Corinthians 10:1-11).

3. King Saul’s experience exposed one of the basic building blocks to a life unshakeable. This foundation stone is complete, uncompromised obedience.

4. King Agag and the Amalekites serve as a type, representing people ruled by the flesh.

5. One of the greatest contributors to an unstable Christian life is the deeds of the flesh.

6. Samuel finished Saul’s assignment (15:32, 33)

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Life Group Discussion Questions – February 21, 2021

Romans 8:12-13 *So then, brothers and sisters, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you are living in accord with the flesh, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

DISCOVER (read 1 Samuel 15:1-35)

1. The Lord shares with Saul His reason for fighting Amalek. What did the Lord tell him about the reason He wants to destroy the Amalekites?
2. What was good about what Saul did? What was bad?
3. Re-read vv. 22-23. How did Saul commit divination (literally witchcraft)?

EXPLORE

1. There was just over 400 years between Moses battle with the Amalekites and Saul’s encounter with them. It seems that God had a long-lasting grudge against them. But what was God truly doing in this timeframe? (see Exodus 17:14)
2. What does the monument in v. 12 say about Saul? What kind of memorials have you set-up for yourself?
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EXPERIENCE

1. We cannot fully know the details of why God pronounced absolute judgment on Amalek. We don’t need to know. Describe a time when you said in your heart, “I need more information before I can carry-out God’s will.” Can this “waiting on the Lord” be an attempt to compromise God’s pronouncement(s)? How does this serve to undermine His authority in your life?
2. Should the Lord overlook a few minor things if we largely accomplished what He wanted? Why or why not? If you know how God truly feels about this, do you expect His grace period towards you to end at some point? Explain.
3. Explain in your own words the most powerful part of verses 15:22-23?
4. In v. 24, because of Saul’s fear of the people, he surrendered what God wanted for what the people wanted. This is a powerful example of lust of the flesh. But Galatians 5:24 says that if we are truly followers of Christ, we have crucified or killed the desires of the flesh. What does this mean? If something of the flesh keeps entering your mind, does this mean you haven’t “killed” it yet?

PRAY

Thank God for the life lessons we can glean from the histories of people in the Bible. Pray that God would convict you when excuses first arise in your disobedient heart. Ask God to help you to hear His voice like Samuel did and then to pay immediate, uncompromising heed.