

Worship HIM

Follow HIM

Obey HIM

**Is Obedience
necessary**

Why Obey

John 14

15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—.

Why obey

Acts 5

29 But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men....

32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and *so* also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

Revenge on the Amalekites

1 Samuel 15

Samuel also said to Saul, “The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD. ² Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘I will punish Amalek *for* what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt.

1 Samuel 15

- 7 And Saul attacked the Amalekites, from Havilah all the way to Shur, which is east of Egypt. ⁸ He also took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.**
- ⁹ But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all *that was* good, &..**

1 Samuel 15

21 the people took it to sacrifice to the LORD in Gilgal.”

9 But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed....

Saul was a Hero holding onto what was good and getting rid of the worthless things?

Hero or Zero

WHAT IS GOOD?

**HOW DO WE
KNOW?**

God instructions for battle

1 Samuel 15

³ Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.' "

Saul's Actions

1 Samuel 15

⁹ But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all *that was* good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them.

But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.

God responds to unwillingness....

1 Samuel 15

¹⁰ Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, ¹¹ “I greatly regret that I have set up Saul *as* king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments.”

Samuel approaches Saul with the truth!

1 Samuel 15

13 Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, “Blessed *are* you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD.”

14 But Samuel said, “What then *is* this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?”

Saul thought that he had obeyed the Lord?

1 Samuel 15

15 And Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.”

16 Then Samuel said to Saul, “Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night.”

The consequences of riding the fence

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.**

The consequences of riding the fence

1 Samuel 15

**23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft,
And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,
He also has rejected you from *being king.*"**

Learning Obedience

Hebrews 5

⁸ though He (*Jesus*) was a Son, *yet* He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,...