

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

- Jesus of Nazareth (Matthew 7:13-14)

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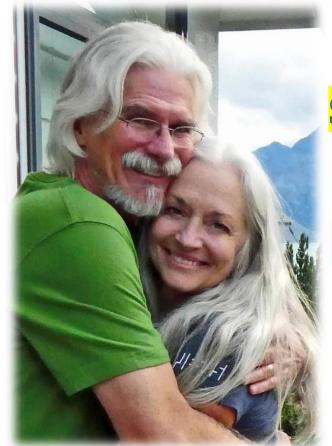
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No Excuse Justifies Disobeying the Lord

Leading Up to 1 Samuel Chapter 13

- 2091 B.C. 1399 B.C. From Abraham's call to Israel's settlement
- 1100 B.C./ 1070 B.C. **1 Samuel 1-8** Samuel is born, given to the high priest Eli, then becomes a prophet. The Philistines defeat Israel take and then give back the ark. Israel repents... and then asks for a king.
 - 1043 B.C. **1 Samuel 9-10** Saul, a stunningly handsome man, is identified and ANOINTED by Samuel as the first national king.
 - 1042 B.C. **1 Samuel 11** Nahash (serpent) of the Ammonites oppresses Israel and the Spirit of God comes powerfully upon Saul.
 - 1041 B.C. **1 Samuel 12** Samuel speaks to Israel of his leadership, their history, and confirms their wickedness in asking for a king, as Yahweh brings thunder and rain. He warns them of unfaithfulness.

1 Samuel 13:1-5 (CSB) Saul was thirty years old when he became king. and he reigned forty-two years over Israel. 2 He chose three thousand men from Israel for himself: two thousand were with Saul at Michmash and in Bethel's hill country, and one thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. He sent the rest of the troops away, each to his own tent. ³ Jonathan attacked the Philistine garrison in Gibeah, and the Philistines heard about it. So Saul blew the ram's horn throughout the land saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!" 4 And all Israel heard the news, "Saul has attacked the Philistine garrison, and Israel is now repulsive to the Philistines." Then the troops were summoned to join Saul at Gilgal. ⁵ The Philistines also gathered to fight against Israel: three thousand chariots, six thousand horsemen, and troops as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They went up and camped at Michmash, east of Beth-

1 Samuel 13:6-10 (NKJV) 6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in danger (for the people were distressed), then the people hid in caves, in thickets, in rocks, in holes, and in pits. ⁷ And *some of* the Hebrews crossed over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. 9 So Saul said, "Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me." And he offered the burnt offering. 10 Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.

Verse 22 notes that only Saul & Jonathan had weapons of war. The Philistines controlled the blacksmith market. Israel had lost sight their true Protector.

When trouble comes, in whom is your hope found?

1 Samuel 13:11-12 (LSB) 11 But Samuel said, "What have you done?"

And Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattering from me and that you did not come within the appointed days, and that the Philistines were assembling at Michmash, ¹² therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not entreated the favor of Yahweh.' So I forced myself and offered the burnt offering."

It was only the true, faithful, Messiah, Jesus, who was permitted to take upon the roles of prophet, priest, and king. Samuel knew that Saul's act was presumptuous and unfaithful to God's command

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV) No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it

Do you build your defenses through prayer & God's word? In your weakness, do you yield to the power of the Holy Spirit?

1 Samuel 13:13-14 (ESV) ¹³ And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the LORD your God, with which he commanded you. For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

Disobedience can also result in forfeiting some of God's blessings in our lives. Yes, we are saved by grace through enduring faith, but God rewards our obedience and punishes our disobedience.

God's ultimate plan will not be thwarted by our disobedience.
Yet, when we are faithful, this glorifies God's name and makes the path for growth in God's kingdom an easier one.

Do you seek to be a servant whose heart is after God's?

We must continually choose who our master is

Romans 6:16-19 (NASB₂₀₂₀) ¹⁶ Do you not know that *the one* to whom you present yourselves *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves of *that same one* whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to *that* form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and after being freed from sin, you became slaves to righteousness.