

Series: In Self We Trust

Sermon: Chapter 3: I Know Better Than You God!

Date: Sunday, May 8th, 2022

Think and reflect: Have you ever faced a situation where you knew God was prompting you to do something but you didn't want to listen?

Pride and God cannot _____.

The reason why Saul could pick and choose is because he got very _____ living without God even though he _____ to follow God.

Samuel said to Saul, "I am the one the Lord sent to anoint you king over His people Israel; so listen now to the message from the Lord. This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.'" Then Saul attacked the Amalekites all the way from Havilah to Shur, near the eastern border of Egypt. He took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and all his people he totally destroyed with the sword. But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs—everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed. (1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-9)

In a normal war in the ancient world, armies were freely permitted to plunder their conquered foes. This was often how the army was paid. But it was wrong for anyone in Israel to benefit from the war against the Amalekites because it was an appointed judgment from God. This was just as wrong as a hangman emptying the pockets of the man he just executed for murder." (Pastor David Guzik, Enduring Word)

Then the Word of the Lord came to Samuel: "I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from Me and has not carried out My instructions." Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the Lord all that night. (1 Samuel 15:10-11)

Partial obedience to God is really _____ to God. Disobedience to God is really _____ in God.

_____ obedience

Think and reflect: Do you admit that you are wrong and come clean in repentance or do you make excuses and blame others?

It is very _____ to _____ like you follow Jesus but not actually follow Him.

Not doing what God wants you to do is like having an arrogance where you think you actually know _____ than God as you are the idol that you worship.

That is how sin works. Sin _____ and it destroys.

Obedience is much _____ than all the things that you could ever do for God.

Obedience is always better than your sacrifice and service.

Partial obedience to God is really disobedience to God.

Disobedience to God is really unbelief in God because you think you know better than God.

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. Have you ever faced a situation where you knew God was prompting you to do something but you didn't want to listen?
2. Do you admit that you are wrong and come clean in repentance or do you make excuses and blame others?
3. In what ways are you acting like you are following Jesus but then not actually following Him in specific areas of your life?
4. In what ways are you using your sacrifice and service to God as a cover for your disobedience?

Bottom line: *Partial obedience to God is really disobedience to God. Disobedience to God is really unbelief in God.*

Songs used in service: Faithful To The End (Paul McClure), Come To The Altar (Elevation Worship), Quien Dices Que Soy (Hillsong Worship), Raise a Hallelujah (John and Melissa Helser)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?