

**INTRODUCTION: SAMUEL JUDGES ISRAEL** (7:15,3ff (12:1-25); see Jdgs.3:5-11)

**I. THE STORY: SAUL SHEPHERDS ISRAEL** (chps.13,14; see 9:16ff)

**A. A GOOD BEGINNING** (chps.9-12)

1. Samuel's prophecies (9:27; 10:1f)
2. Samuel's anointing (10:1; see 11:14f)
3. Samuel's instructions (10:6-8)
  - a. wait for Spirit (10:6,7(Acts1:4); see 11:6f)
  - b. the command to wait at Gilgal (10:8)

**B. A BAD ENDING** (chps.13,14)

1. Saul's sin (10:8; see 13:8-12)
2. Samuel's verdict (13:11; 13,14)
3. Samuel's departure (13:15; see 14:3(4:21),18; 35,37; see Ezk.10:18f; 11:23)
4. Jonathan's departure (13:3f; 14:1f)
5. people's departure (14:45,24f)
6. blessing's departure (14:52a; contra 9:16)
7. the end of Saul's kingship (14:47-51 & 13:1; see 52b & 13:2)

**II. THE LESSONS: DON'T FOLLOW SAUL'S EXAMPLE!** (see Ps.78:8; Heb.13:7)

**A. CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD!** (9:16,17; 13:13,14; Dt.17:14-20; see 1Chr.16:31; Ps.93:1; 96:10; 97:1; 99:1; Dan.4:17,25,32f; Eph.1:19-23; Rev.11:15; 12:10; etc.!.; contra 1Sam.13:11f; 15:8f,13; Judg.17:6; 21:25; Prov.12:15)

**B. OBEDIENCE IS SIMPLY DOING WHAT YOU'RE TOLD!** (10:8; 13:8f,13,14; see Lk.1:38; Jn.8:29; see Acts 4:19; 17:11)

**C. DISOBEDIENCE IS NEVER NECESSARY OR PRACTICAL!** (13:11,8f; 15:15,20f; see Judg.17:6; 21:25; Prov.12:15; see Gen.3:6/2:17)

**D. DISOBEDIENCE FORFEITS PRESENT & FUTURE BLESSINGS!** (13:13,14; 15:28; 16:14; also 2Sam.12:8,10f; see Dt.30:1f; c.27-29; Lk.6:20-26; Saul, David also; Dt.30:1f,etc.!.)

**E. DISOBEDIENCE BEGETS MORE FOOLISHNESS!** (13:13; 14:24f,30f,39f; 15:9,15f; see 2Sam.12:9)

**F. THE WORD OF GOD: USE OR LOSE!** (1Sam.10:8; 13:8f; see 13:15f; 28:6; Amos 8:11; Heb.3:5f(Ps95:7f))

**G. PERSEVERE TO THE END!** (13:8f,10; see Mt.10:22; 24:13; Ps.27:14; 37:7,9; 130:5; Is.40:30; Mt.25:1f; Lk.20:9f; Phil.3:20; 1Th.1:10; Jms.5:7; 2Pt.3:1ff; Ps.73:1f)

**H. PRAY EARNESTLY THAT THE LORD WOULD TEACH YOU TO WALK IN THE WAY OF HIS COMMANDS!** (13:13,14; see 1Kngs.8:36; Ps.86:11; 95:7f; 143:8; 119:32,105; Mt.28:20)