

Bible Reading for Week of July 28, 2024

Monday, July 29 – 1 Samuel 15:17-23

As Samuel confronts Saul with his disobedience to the voice of the Lord, Saul proclaims his innocence. How does Saul, Adam-like, try to avoid responsibility for his disobedience to the Lord? What ways do we try to shift the blame when God's Word confronts us with sin today? According to this passage, the ends (sacrificing to God) do not justify the means (disobedience to God). Can you think of some examples where the modern church, Saul-like, has rejected the Word of the Lord while pleading some higher cause today?

Tuesday, July 30 – 1 Samuel 15:24-35

What happens when people are big and God is small in your life? Is Saul's excuse of being a people-fearer instead of a God-fearer accepted by the Lord? Why or why not? What is significant about the fact that the Lord is given the name "the Glory of Israel" in this passage? Neither Saul nor Agag escape the Lord's judgement. How does the end of Agag testify to the holiness and justice of God?

Wednesday, July 31 – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Meditate on verses 6-7. In what areas of life are we tempted to trust more to appearances than to consider matters of the heart? What is significant about the fact that Jesse never seemed to even consider having David on hand to present before Samuel like the rest of his brothers? Given that emphasis of verse 7, what is ironic about the comment about David in verse 12.

Thursday, August 1 – Genesis 22:1-24

Surely God's call upon Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac would not have made all that much sense to Abraham. How is God going to fulfill His promise if that very child is going to die? What do we learn from this story about the life of faith? Consider today where in your life the Lord is calling you to trust in His Word even though it might not appear to make complete sense to you.

Friday, August 2 – Hebrews 6:13-20

Where does the author encourage the reader to look for confidence? How does this help us as we think about our own lives and the doubt that often fills our hearts? Pray that the Lord would increase your faith as you learn to trust in His Word.

Saturday, August 3 – Psalm 100:1-5

Consider all of the things the psalmist calls on God's people to in these verses. What does he say is the reason as to why the people of God should worship God? Meditate on these truths today and pray that you might worship the Lord truly this coming Lord's Day?