

**I. SAUL'S EXCELLENT START** (chps.9-11)

**A. HUMILITY IN GLORY** (9:21; 10:22; 11:13)

**B. OBEDIENCE IN DUTY** (10:6,7; 11:6f)

**II. SAUL'S SELF-DESTRUCTIVE FINISH** (chps.13-15 /Dt.30:1f(chps.27-29); Lk.6:20-26 /Gal.5:7)

**A<sup>1</sup>. DISOBEDIENCE: FAILURE TO WAIT** (10:8; 13:8f; esp. 13:13a,14b)

**B<sup>1</sup>. DISCIPLINE: LOSS OF KINGSHIP FOR DESCENDANTS** (13:13b,14a; contrast 2Sam.7:11f,15)

**A<sup>2</sup>. DISOBEDIENCE: FAILURE TO DESTROY** (15:2,3; 9; 13f; 18; esp.v.19 w/13:13a,14b; see Josh.7)

**B<sup>2</sup>. DISCIPLINE: LOSS OF KINGSHIP FOR HIMSELF** (15:23f,26,28; see 16:13,14 w/10:6; 11:6)

**III. SAUL'S OUTRAGEOUS HYPOCRISY** (chps.13,15)

**A. SACRIFICE TO THE LORD** (15:15,21; but v.9; see 14:35)

**B. ASK THE LORD'S FAVOR** (13:12; 14:3,18(4:21); 37)

**C. FOOLISH OATH & WICKED FULFILLMENT** (14:24f; 29,39f; see Lev.27:2f)

**D. KEEPING UP APPEARANCES** (15:25,30)

**IV. SAMUEL'S FORCEFUL REBUKE** (15:22-35)

**A. OBEDIENCE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SACRIFICE** (15:22; see Ps.40:6-8(Heb.10:6-9); 51:16,17(19); Is.1:11-15; Mic.6:6-8; see Jer.7:22,23; Hos.6:6; Mk.12:33)

**B. DISOBEDIENCE IS IDOLATRY** (15:23a; see Col.3:5; see Ex.20:17,2f w/Mt.5:17ff)

**C. DISOBEDIENCE BEGETS DISCIPLINE: LOST HONOR, WORK, POWER** (15:23f; 32f; 16:14f)

**V. LESSONS TO LEARN: DON'T FOLLOW SAUL'S EXAMPLE!** (Mt.23:3f; Heb.4:11; contra 2Chr.17:3; Phil.3:17; 2Th.3:7,9; see 1Pt.2:21 w/1Cor.11:1)

**A. BE WARNED BY SUCH A PRECIPITOUS DECLINE!** (chps.9-16 /1Kngs11:1f; 2Chr24:1; Tml1:19; 2Pt3:17)

**B. BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES!** (13:10f; 15:13f,22f; see Lk.12:1f; Mt.23:3f,13f,23f; 1Tm.4:2; Jms.3:17; 1Pt.2:1)

**C. THE GREATEST SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CROSS IS OBEDIENCE!** (15:22; see Lk.22:42(1Sam.15:3); Phil.2:5f,8; Heb.5:8f; see Lk.17:3; 24:47)

**D. YOU ARE SAVED FOR OBEDIENCE!** (15:22; see Eph.2:1f,10; Tt.1:16; 2:7,14; 3:1,8,14; contrast Heb.10:26f; Num.15:30,27f; Mt.6:14; yet Gal.3:3 w/5:16f; Jn.8:11; Rom.6:1f)