

# **“Obedience is Always Better”**

## **1 Sam. 15:22-23**

### Introduction

- I. Saul is a great example of what happens when man refuses to obey God.
- II. Samuel explained that obeying God is always better.

### Discussion

- I. Obedience is better than faith only.
  - A. Faith without obedience would have left Noah and his family dead (Heb. 11:7; Gen. 6:22).
  - B. Faith without obedience would have kept Abraham out of “the promised land” (Heb. 11:8).
  - C. Faith without obedience would have left the Israelites where Pharaoh's army could have caught them (Heb. 11:29; Exo. 14:29-30).
  - D. Faith only leaves a man unjustified (James 2:14-26).
  - E. Faith only leaves a man unsaved (Heb. 5:8-9; Mark 16:15-16).
  - F. Faith only leaves a man outside of Christ (Gal. 3:26-27).
  - G. Faith only leaves a man in his sins (Rom. 6:17-18).
- II. We should never substitute prayer for obedience (Prov. 28:9; Luke 6:46; Matt. 7:21; John 3:5; Acts 22:16).
- III. When we do things man's ways instead of God's way, we always err (Num. 20:1-15, 24; Prov. 14:12; 21:2; 28:26; cf. Naaman 2 Kings 5:1-14).

### Conclusion

- I. Do not let the religious world deceive you into believing that obedience to God is unimportant.
- II. We should strive to obey fully every day.