

# SERMON OUTLINE

PARTIAL OBEDIENCE IS COMPLETE DISOBEDIENCE

I SAMUEL 15:1-35

AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

## I. The Clear but Difficult Assignment: vs. 1-3

## II. King Saul's Partial Obedience: vs. 4-11

**"There was always bound to be conflict in covenantal history between God and human beings, but this does not mean there is conflict within God's inner being. As God's ways appear to us, there will be change and variation, but as God is in His character and essence there can be no variation of shadow due to change (James 1:17; Mal. 3:16; Heb. 13:8; 2 Tim. 2:13)." – Kevin DeYoung**

## III. The Blinding Effect of Sin: vs. 12-23

## IV. The Final Verdict of King Saul: vs. 24-35

## V. Reflection Questions

- 1) **In what ways are you allowing the deceitfulness and blinding effect of sin (blame shift, minimize sin, partial obedience, defensiveness) to impact your obedience?**
  
- 2) **Are you playing around with sin on any level instead of putting it to death and truly repenting?**
  
- 3) **How can you apply the forgiveness of God and use the gospel to help prioritize true heart obedience above empty religious performance?**

**BENEDICTION:** <sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." – John 14:15-17