INTRODUCTION

- * The book of 1 Samuel is a transitional book. It begins in the time of the Judges and leads us into the reign of David.
- * The three primary characters of this book are: Samuel, Saul and David.
- * As the book of Judges was summarized by two key passages (2:8,10 and 21:25), so the remainder of Israel's history can be prefaced with Israel's statement recorded in 8:19-20 "No, but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations"
- * Over the past month we considered the process of Saul's coronation.
- * Today, we will consider the flaw which leads to Saul's demise.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE REASON FOR SAUL'S RE____ION (v. 13-15) ... Dis_____

A. The Con_____ of Disobedience

1. HE K_____ THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD

2. HE DID NOT K_____ THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD (v. 14; 1 Samuel 15:17-23)

B. The Con_____ of Disobedience (v. 13-14)

But this leads us into a consideration of ...

- II. THE REASON FOR SAUL'S RE____ION (v. 1-12) ... Dis_____
 - * cf. v. 13; Psalm 14:1; Romans 10:9-10

A. His S____ation

- 1. THE P_____ OF JONATHAN (v. 1-4)
- 2. THE P_____ RESPONSE (v. 5)
- 3. THE P_____ OF THE ISRAELITES (v. 6-8)

B. His R______ation (v. 11-12)

- 1. AN INCOMPLETE ANALYSIS
- 2. AN UNCONTROLLED ANXIETY (cf. Genesis 43:31; 45:1; Esther 5:10; Isaiah 42:14; 63:15; 64:12)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW WOULD GOD DESCRIBE YOUR OBEDIENCE TO HIM?
- * HAVE YOU GIVEN IN TO ANXIETY OR SINFUL ACTIVITIES RATHER THAN TRUSTING THAT GOD WOULD PERFORM WHAT HE HAS PROMISED?
- * HOW WOULD GOD DESCRIBE YOUR HEART?
- * WHAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU COULD DO TO IMPROVE YOUR LEVEL OF COMMITMENT TO GOD?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND ACT?