

WORSHIP NOTES

Journey through the Bible

TROUBLES IN ISRAEL

1 Samuel 13:8-15

Saul waited there seven days for Samuel, as Samuel had instructed him earlier, but Samuel still didn't come. Saul realized that his troops were rapidly slipping away. So he demanded, "Bring me the burnt offering and the peace offerings!" And Saul sacrificed the burnt offering himself. Just as Saul was finishing with the burnt offering, Samuel arrived. Saul went out to meet and welcome him, but Samuel said, "What is this you have done?" Saul replied, "I saw my men scattering from me, and you didn't arrive when you said you would, and the Philistines are at Micmash ready for battle. So I said, 'The Philistines are ready to march against us at Gilgal, and I haven't even asked for the Lord's help!' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering myself before you came." "How foolish!" Samuel exclaimed. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you. Had you kept it, the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. But now your kingdom must end, for the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart. The Lord has already appointed him to be the leader of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command." Samuel then left Gilgal and went on his way, but the rest of the troops went with Saul to meet the army. They went up from Gilgal to Gibeah in the land of Benjamin. When Saul counted the men who were still with him, he found only 600 were left!

- I. **PROBLEMS WITH THE KING AND IN ISRAEL**
 - A. **WHERE WE LEFT OFF**

 - B. **FURTHER PROBLEMS TO DEAL WITH (13:15-23)**

- II. **MEET THE PRINCE (1 SAMUEL 14)**
 - A. **JONATHAN'S MILITARY APTITUDE AND FAITH (14:1-23)**

 - B. **OATHS OF A KING & VICTORIES (14:24-52)**

- III. **THE PROBLEM WITH REPEATED DISOBEDIENCE**
 - A. **THE SITUATION (15:1-23)**

 - B. **THE PROBLEM WITH FORGIVENESS VS. REPENTANCE (15:24-31)**

 - C. **CLEANING UP THE MESS (15:32-35)**

- IV. **WHY DOES THIS MATTER? WHAT IS REVEALED ABOUT...**
 - A. **GOD**

 - B. **OURSELVES**

 - C. **JESUS**