

Sermon Outline

The Chosen

1 Samuel 15:1-16:23

Introduction: The difficulty of watching someone die

Context: The seed of the Lord's rejection of Saul in chapters 13-14

I. 1 Samuel 15: The demise of disobedient King Saul

vs. 1-3: A difficult command to understand from a God of love

vs. 4-15: Saul's excuses for his partially obedient disobedience

Our pious excuses for sin

vs. 17-23: Samuel's judgment – rebellion and presumption

Obedience not sacrifice – the danger of hypocrisy

Amos 5:21-24, Matt 23:15-28

vs. 24-35: Saul's partial repentance (comp. to David's Ps 51)

Does God change his mind? (vs. 29 & 35)

II. 1 Samuel 16: God chooses the man after His heart

vs. 1-5: Samuel goes to Bethlehem

vs. 6-13: The Chosen One is anointed

the Lord looks on the heart (not Saul, Eliab or Goliath)

Samuel anoints a shepherd boy (Ps 78:70-71)

vs. 14-23: Saul chooses David

an evil spirit from the Lord tormented Saul

David's worship conquers spiritual enemies

Israel's true King conquers spiritual enemies