

Message: The fear of men is the beginning of destruction

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Hymn: Rock of ages

Proverbs 9:10 KJV The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

1 Samuel 15:1-3,7-15,20-24 KJV Samuel also said unto Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the Lord. [2] Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. [3] Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass. [7] And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. [8] And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. [9] But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly. [10] Then came the word of the Lord unto Samuel, saying, [11] It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the Lord all night. [12] And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. [13] And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the Lord : I have performed the commandment of the Lord. [14] And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? [15] And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. [20] And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. [21] But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal. [22] And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord ? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. [23] For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king. [24] And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

What can make a life to fear the people and disobey God

- Lack of vision
- Worldliness and flesh
- Lack of wisdom
- Poor understanding of how God value his words
- Unbrokenness
- Faith in people and strength
- Over reliance and trust in human effort
- Inability to differentiate between the power of God and the voice of man

Fear of men will make a man to

- Obey the people
- Please men above God
- Follow men's instructions
- To lose fellowship with God

- Be God's enemy
- Be rejected by God
- God to withdraw his gift from the man as seen in **1 Samuel 16:14 KJV**

But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.

What must we do?

- Regeneration of the heart (be genuinely born again)
- Stand firmly on the word of God
- Resist temptation and the devil
- Do not be friendly with the world
- Overcome lust
- Be disciplined and courageous
- Let your yes be yes and no be no
- Be a friend of God, the bible and love prayer

Prayer

1. Anything in me that will make me disobey the voice of God come out and die in the name of Jesus
2. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me in the name of Jesus.
3. Separate me O lord from those that will turn my heart against you in the name of Jesus.
4. Anointing to overcome temptation and resist the devil come upon me in the name of Jesus
5. Deliver me O lord from lust of flesh in the name of Jesus
6. Agenda of the devil over my soul fail in the name of Jesus.
7. Those monitoring my progress for evil shall die in the name of Jesus
8. Let God arise and let my enemies scatter in the name of Jesus
9. Powers saying I shall not last on the throne die in the name of Jesus
10. Help me O lord to resist the voice of new and to follow your word in the name of Jesus