



# The Ruin of Rebellion

## King Saul, Knowing better than God:

An examination of the life of King Saul, chosen by God to lead Israel as their first king, but began following his own ideas and rejecting the commands of God. His rebellion brought pain and heartache to God's chosen people and ultimately cost him the crown. (1 Samuel 15:1-28 KJV )

1 Samuel 15:22-23 KJV

[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.

1 Samuel 12:14-15 KJV

[14] If ye will fear the Lord, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the Lord your God: [15] But if ye will not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall the hand of the Lord be against you, as it was against your fathers.

## The Nature of Rebellion:

### God's View:

Rebellion is on the same level as idolatry or divination; it is an attempt to circumvent authority.

Insubordination is the same as rebellion

## We Rebel Against God When:

1. We pursue that which is forbidden.
2. Pursue what He allows in a wrong way.
3. Ignore God's timing in our pursuits.
4. Deliberately ignore a part of what God is trying to correct in our life.

## Why We Rebel:

1. We doubt God and His wisdom.
2. Our pride. (selfishness)
3. Bitterness and resentment against God because of past hurts.

## The Results of Our Rebellion:

1. Garden of Eden - We lost it all
2. Israel - Wandered 40 years in the wilderness
3. Israel - Scattered His people
4. Saul - Lost his mind, his kingdom, committed suicide.

**Nothing we do overrides our rebellion against God. We can not do good works enough to erase this in the eyes of God.**