

**“Because you have rejected the word of the Lord” 1 Samuel 15-16 3/31/24**

Today, we'd like to see the title of "Because you have rejected the word of the Lord" in 1 Samuel 15-16.

To Online Word's souls, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (**Maranatha Worship Songs**\_\_\_\_\_

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Q1. In 15:3, "Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey," what did Saul the king do in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In 15:22, "So Samuel said: 'Has 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 heed than the fat of rams,'" what does it mean with other verses? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In 16:14, "But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him," what does it mean? And what can we learn from here.

**(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)**

In the last time, in 1 Samuel 14:52, "Now there was fierce war with the Philistines all the days of Saul. And when Saul saw any strong man or any valiant man, he took him for himself," God has been working to choose a man after His own heart as a king for His glory, after Saul's priest's role to offer a burnt offering in *1 Sam 13:11-14*<sup>1</sup>, while Saul took a strong or valiant man for himself. It's observed that God was doing in His way and in His time to replace Saul with a man after His heart, toward David the next king. See the previous map <https://www.calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/M032623/Samuel13.pdf>

Now in the chapter 15, Saul the king rejected the word of God in the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. And in the chapter 16, David was anointed through Samuel by God in the 1<sup>st</sup> time.

**TEXT: NKJV [KJV]**

**Inductive Explanation in context & syntax**

<p><b>15</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup>Samuel also said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>1= (Samuel made sure Saul to heed the words of the Lord after his 1<sup>st</sup> disobedience about his priest's role to offer a burnt offering. Nobody is allowed to alter the word of God such as prophecy in the scripture moved by the Holy Spirit as Peter warned before his death. God does not warn us needlessly. 2 <i>Peter 1:13-15, 19-21</i><sup>2</sup>)</p>
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<sup>1</sup> *1 Sam 13:11-14* And Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and *that* you did not come within the days appointed, and *that* the Philistines gathered together at Michmash, <sup>12</sup> then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering." <sup>13</sup> And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. <sup>14</sup> But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you,"

<sup>2</sup> *2 Peter 1:13-15, 19-21*<sup>13</sup> Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, <sup>14</sup> knowing

<sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt.

<sup>3</sup> Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.' <sup>4</sup> So Saul gathered the people together and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand men of Judah. <sup>5</sup> And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley. <sup>6</sup> Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. <sup>7</sup> And Saul attacked the Amalekites, from Havilah all the way to Shur, which is east of Egypt. <sup>8</sup> He also took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. <sup>9</sup> But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all *that was good*, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed. <sup>10</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying,

2=(God reminded Israel of Amalek the type of flesh to blot out as God had told through Moses. Although we don't know sometimes why God says, God has a good reason to say it because He is good and has foreknowledge. So, just follow Him with patience. *Deut 25:17-19*<sup>3</sup>)

3=Q1 (God commanded Saul to utterly destroy Amalek as God had commanded Israel through Moses to utterly destroy all other pagan heathens such as Hittite, Amorite, Canaanite, Perizzite...etc. The king of Amalek was Agag whose descendant Hama sought to destroy all the Jews including Mordecai in the time of Esther. Nothing good dwells in the flesh, and so by the Holy Spirit our flesh life should be mortified. To be carnally minded is death but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. So God wants us to destroy utterly fleshly things. *Deu 20:16-18; Esther 3:6,10; Rom 7:18; Rom 8:6-8*<sup>4</sup>)

9= (The "spared Agag..." was inconsistent with the "utterly destroy," showing Saul's disobedience to God.)

that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. <sup>15</sup> Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. <sup>19</sup> And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; <sup>20</sup> knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, <sup>21</sup> for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as *they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>3</sup> *Deut 25:17-19* "Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, <sup>18</sup> how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you *were* tired and weary; and he did not fear God. <sup>19</sup> Therefore it shall be, when the LORD your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, *that* you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget.

<sup>4</sup> *Deu 20:16-18* But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive, <sup>17</sup> but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the LORD your God has commanded you, <sup>18</sup> lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the LORD your God; *Esther 3:6,10*<sup>6</sup> But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus—the people of Mordecai. <sup>10</sup> So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews; *Rom 7:18* For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find; *Rom 8:6-8* For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. <sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. <sup>8</sup> So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God..

11 "I greatly regret [It repenteth me] that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments." And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night.

12 So when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul went to Carmel, and indeed, he set up a monument for himself; and he has gone on around, passed by, and gone down to Gilgal." 13 Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD." 14 But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my 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 the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed." 16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak on." 17 So Samuel said, "When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel? 18 Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' 19 Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?" 20 And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21 But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

11= (Repent and Regret are synonyms. Both means the same of "feeling sad" in verse 35. But the 2<sup>nd</sup> meaning of the "repent" implies "change one's mind" in verse 29. God is eternal and doesn't change. He is immutable. To avoid a possible misunderstanding as the 2<sup>nd</sup> meaning, NKJV used the "regret" just as expression of God's sad feeling for Saul's rejecting the word of the Lord to utterly destroy Amalek, rather than the "repent" in KJV. God does not lie, nor repent which means "change His mind." So, in NKJV, the "repent" word is replaced with "sorry" to God and with "remorseful" to Judas just for expression of sad feeling in order to avoid the misunderstanding. But the "repent" word in NKJV is still used as it means to change one's mind to God for the kingdom of heaven. So, we may choose a correct meaning of a divine word in syntax and context. *Numbers 23:19; Gen 6:6-7; Mat 4:17; Mat 27:3<sup>5</sup>*)

12-15= (Even if Saul did not utterly destroy Amalek, he was proud of his partial destroying such as "he set up a monument for himself," "I have performed the commandment of the Lord," and "people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen to sacrifice to the Lord." The pride blinded Saul to acknowledge his disobedience." Saul's pride rejected the word of the Lord, "utterly destroy Amalek," his partial obedience. The pride went to destruction *Prov 16:18<sup>6</sup>* )

20= (Saul contended Samuel's rebuke and justified by his partial obedience to the divine words.)

<sup>5</sup> *Numbers 23:19* God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?; *Gen 6:6-7* And the LORD was sorry [it repented the Lord] that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup> So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them; *Mat 4:17* From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand; *Mat 27:3* Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful [repented himself] and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

<sup>6</sup> *Prov 16:18* Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

<sup>22</sup> So Samuel said:

“Has 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 heed than the fat of rams.

<sup>23</sup> For rebellion *is* as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness *is* as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from *being* king.”

22=Q2 (Obeying God is better than burnt offerings & sacrifices. Heartless services are not accepted by God. Services must follow hearts to love God mostly. For examples, obeying God/His word, heeding God/His word, a contrite heart/broken heart to iniquity/blood/injustice, hearts to do good, seek justice, desire mercy/the knowledge of God, heartfelt prayer, or willing offerings/tithes. Especially in NT time, through Jesus Christ, our services for the Lord must follow the most love of God even if there are no animal sacrifices/offerings according to Mosaic law. *Psalm 40:6-8; Psalm 51:16-17; Prov 21:3; Isaiah 1:11-17; Hosea 6:6; Mat 6:7-8; 2 Cor 8:12; Luke 11:42; Mat 23:23; Mark 12:33; Heb 10:8-13*)

23=(Saul's disobedience to God's word to utterly destroy Amalek was his rejection of His word. That's rebellion or stubbornness against the Lord, just as witchcraft which is a spiritual adultery, such as sorcery, medium, service for another god, abomination against God, child sacrifice, or soothsayer. So, such spiritual adulteries are the violation of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 10 commandments. *Ex 22:18; Lev 20:6; Deu 13:13-15; Deu 18:10-12; Micah 5:12-13; Ex 20:3-4*<sup>8</sup>)

<sup>7</sup> *Psalm 40:6-8* Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, “Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book *it is* written of me. <sup>8</sup> I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law *is* within my heart; *Psalm 51:16-17* For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it*; You do not delight in burnt offering. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise; *Prov 21:3* To do righteousness and justice *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice; *Isaiah 1:11-17* “To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?” Says the LORD. “I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats. <sup>12</sup> “When you come to appear before Me, Who has required this from your hand, To trample My courts? <sup>13</sup> Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies— I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. <sup>14</sup> Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing *them*. <sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup> “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup> Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow; *Hosea 6:6* For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings; *Mat 6:7-8* And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him; *2 Cor 8:12* For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not; *Luke 11:42* But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone; *Mat 23:23* Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.; *Mark 12:33* And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, <sup>1</sup>with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices; *Heb 10:8-13* Previously saying, “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and *offerings* for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure *in them*” (which are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. <sup>10</sup> By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*..

<sup>8</sup> *Ex 22:18* You shall not permit a sorceress to live; *Lev 20:6* And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people.; *Deu*

24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. 25 Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD."

26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel." 27 And as Samuel turned around to go away, Saul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore. 28 So Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, *who is* better than you. 29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor relent [repent]. For He *is* not a man, that He should relent [repent]." 30 Then he said, "I have sinned; yet honor me now, please, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD your God." 31 So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul worshiped the LORD. 32 Then Samuel said, "Bring Agag king of the Amalekites here to me." So Agag came to him cautiously. And Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past." 33 But Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal. 34 Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house at Gibeah of Saul.

24=(Saul feared the people. The fear of man is a snare of death but the fear or holy fear of the Lord is safe or a fountain of life. So, we should honor the Lord always. If we look for the Lord first during life or ministry, we would follow His direction about how to do to people. *Prov 29:25; Prov 14:27<sup>9</sup>*)

26= (Saul rejected the word of the Lord/the Lord, the Lord rejected Saul, as later David told this to his son Solomon at his death 1 *Chronicles 28:9<sup>10</sup>*)

30= (Saul confessed his sin but not from humble or contrite heart. Saul asked Samuel to worship God before the public in order to honor himself rather than God. If we commit a sin, we had better confess it from a contrite heart or a broken heart toward the Lord as soon as possible, the Lord may forgive us our sin 1 *John 1:9<sup>11</sup>*)

13:13-15 Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods" —which you have not known— 14 then you shall inquire, search out, and ask diligently. And *if it is* indeed true *and* certain *that* such an abomination was committed among you, 15 you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying it, all that is in it and its livestock—with the edge of the sword; *Deu 18:10-12* There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one* who practices witchcraft, *or* a soothsayer, *or* one who interprets omens, *or* a sorcerer, 11 *or* one who conjures spells, *or* a medium, *or* a spiritist, *or* one who calls up the dead. 12 For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you; *Micah 5:12-13* I will cut off sorceries from your hand, And you shall have no soothsayers. 13 Your carved images I will also cut off, And your *sacred* pillars from your midst; You shall no more worship the work of your hands; *Ex 20:3-4* You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of *anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; 9 *Prov 29:25* The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe; *Prov 14:27* The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, To turn *one* away from the snares of death.

10 1 *Chronicles 28:9* As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

11 1 *John 1:9* If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

<sup>35</sup> And Samuel went no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul, and the LORD regretted [repented] that He had made Saul king over Israel.

**16** <sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons.”

<sup>2</sup> And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears *it*, he will kill me.”

But the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” <sup>3</sup> Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.”

<sup>4</sup> So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, “Do you come peaceably?”

<sup>5</sup> And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, “Surely the LORD’s anointed *is* before Him!”

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the LORD does not see as man sees*; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” <sup>8</sup> So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made

35= (Although Samuel had to rebuke Saul for his disobedience, Samuel mourned for Saul when God promised to take his kingdom away. This is a great example for a minister who rebukes with agape love. 2 *Tim 4:2*<sup>12</sup>)

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2= (Samuel knew Saul would kill Samuel if Saul knew an election of another king. Samuel asked God for His wisdom, unlike he himself feared of the man like Saul in verse 24. God gave Samuel the wise direction – prepare for a heifer sacrifice and invite Jesse’s family. )

7= (It’s observed that our Lord does not look at outward appearance but at heart to us.)

<sup>12</sup> 2 *Tim 4:2* Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup> And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." <sup>12</sup> So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!"

<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

<sup>14</sup> But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him.

13= (Here is the 1<sup>st</sup> time when David as the 8<sup>th</sup> son of Jesse was a shepherd, he was anointed through Samuel by God. Samuel fully followed the Lord's direction with non-disclosure of David's anointment of a king to Saul. Some things are sometimes better left nondisclosure because the disclosure with tongue can cause a lot of damages. So, it's best to follow His direction, either way. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, when David was a ruler of the house of Judah, he was anointed through the men of Judah by God. And in the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, when David was a ruler of all Israel, he was anointed through the elders of Israel by God *2 Sam 2:4; 2 Sam 5:3*<sup>13</sup>)

14=Q3 (In OT time, the Holy Spirit was in and out from a person. After David committed a sin, he prayed to God not take His Holy Spirit from him. But in NT time, when we believe in the gospel of salvation, the Holy Spirit seals us, i.e., dwells in us forever to inherit the kingdom of God. So, because of the indwelling Spirit, every Christian is greater than all the other believers in the OT whose greatest was John the Baptist. God is sovereign over good and evil. Here, an evil Spirit distressed Saul. In NT time, an evil spirit never possesses a Christian even if the evil spirit may distress him under a sovereign God. Then, we can pray and fast toward the Lord to bind the evil spirit in Jesus' name. *Psalm 51:11; Eph 1:13-14; Mat 11:11; Mat 10:29; Mark 9:28-29*<sup>14</sup>)

<sup>13</sup> *2 Sam 2:4* Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, "The men of Jabesh Gilead *were the ones* who buried Saul; *2 Sam 5:3* Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel.

<sup>14</sup> *Psalm 51:11* Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me; *Eph 1:13-14* In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory; *Mat 11:11* Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he; *Mat 10:29* Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will; *Mark 9:28-29* And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"<sup>29</sup> So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

15 And Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. 16 Let our master now command your servants, *who are before you*, to seek out a man *who is* a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well."

17 So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring *him* to me."

18 Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *who is* skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD *is* with him."

19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who *is* with the sheep." 20 And Jesse took a donkey *loaded with* bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent *them* by his son David to Saul. 21 So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. 22 Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight." 23 And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play *it* with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

15-23= (It's observed the sovereign God controlled all things – distressing spirit, troubling Saul, his servant's recruit of David as a harp player and armorbearer, refreshing Saul, etc. – work together to train David a good king over Israel. It's learned no matter what circumstances, now either good or bad, we should trust God with whole heart and follow His direction through prayer. Rom 8:28<sup>15</sup>)

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to

<sup>15</sup> Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.



understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that literal experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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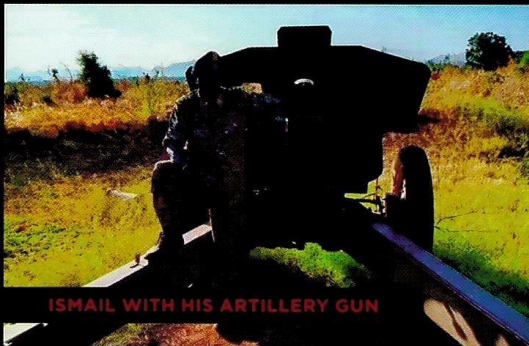
***Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!***

**Please pray for weather change in Southern California, "Flooding and landslides." Also pray for other states, "Heavy Storm & Rain"**



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# Pray for the Feeding People From Starvation and Sickness.



**ISMAIL WITH HIS ARTILLERY GUN**

God could deliver him. Ismail said that if God can heal me from this, He is real, and I will follow him and he did.

In one particular battle Ismail was in, his unit was being attacked by 700 Islamic enemy soldiers and his unit had only 100 men. His unit was told to attack even though they were greatly outnumbered, but he said, "Today is Sunday. Let us pray this whole day and seek our God that He will be with us." So, all the soldiers spent the



**WE STARTED THE FEEDING PROGRAM TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM STARVATION AND SICKNESS**

day in prayer. The next day, Ismail took his artillery gun and fired seven shots; all seven hit critical enemy positions, and within a few minutes, the enemy was in full retreat leaving the area and did not return. The men spent the day giving thanks to the Lord for His deliverance. Ismail was known for many great feats of heroism, once capturing 16 enemy soldiers and three trucks full of military supplies. On another occasion, his position was hit by a surface-to-air missile (SAM) that killed over 100 soldiers and 30 civilians. Once again, Ismail escaped uninjured, and the people said it was because of his relationship with Christ that he was delivered.

I am at the chaplain base as this letter is being written. We sent for Ismail's wife to be brought from the Nuba

Mountains to the base. We will do our best to comfort her in her grief and give her the stipend that we give for each fallen chaplain, which can take care of her for years. Ismail was around 55 years of age and served in the war for 37 years. In his life, he had brought many men and



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women to Christ. He had planted a church in a radical Muslim area where the people were some of the most violent, but to this day, his church is still alive with over 200 converted Muslims.

He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

*Wes Bentley*

Wes Bentley

Far Reaching Ministries

## Calvary Anaheim Hills Missions:

"Greater Works" in John 14:12 -Our prayer support group are praying, offering, or going. You may do so. Psalm 83:18 "That they many know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth."

Bosnia and Herzegovina -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

China -- Hannah, Jeremy, Merry, Mi Young... MAP

France -- Joy Diacou MAP

Haiti -- Brian McDaniel MAP

India -- Abraham Motakatia, Varughese Saji, Kris Davis, Y Suri, K P Yohannan MAP

Iran -- Christina, David, Ray Sleiman, Shahin, Reza, Brian.... MAP

Indonesia -- Choon Choi, Jong Kim, Robinson Pea MAP

Iraq, Afghanistan -- Heather Mercer, Sami T (in other Muslim countries)..... MAP MAP

Israel -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

Italy -- Brent Harrell... MAP

Japan -- Chester Hudspeth, Janet McTaggart, Kyomasa & Taeko.... MAP

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Philippines -- Dodong, Jim Davis..... MAP

Russia -- Robert Ovcharenko..... MAP

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South Korea -- Mike, Peter, Seoung, Victor, Loudermilk... MAP

Sudan -- Gary Kusunoki, Robert, In Hwa Shin(Leprosy in other African countries), Wes Bentley... MAP

Uganda -- Brian Kelly... MAP

United Arab Emirates -- Simon Baek .... MAP

Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan -- Jed & Renee Gourley, George & Pam Markey.. MAP MAP

*Please pray for Missionaries and for Christians over all the earth.  
James 5:16b ".....The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

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