

“The Fear of Man And The Deceitfulness Of Sin”  
1 Samuel 15:11-35

*“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:13). “...choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin” (Hebrews 11:25). “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9). “For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools...” (Romans 1:21-22).*

- How sin deceives: (D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones)
  - 1) Sin makes us feel like God is against us. 2) Sin makes us feel like what God is asking of us is unreasonable. 3) Sin makes us think highly of ourselves and our wisdom. 4) Sin deceives us about the seriousness of sin.

*“The person(s) to whom we ascribe most authority — to define who we are, what we’re worth, what we should do, and how we should do it — is the person(s) we fear the most, because it is the person(s) whose approval we want most. God designed us this way, for it reveals who and what our heart loves. This fear comes right from the place where our heart’s treasure is stored (Matthew 6:21). It is a fear of losing or not obtaining something we really desire, which is why it wields such power over us.” (Jon Bloom)*

*“The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe” (Proverbs 29:25). “It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man” (Psalm 118:8). “Thus says the LORD: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land’ ” (Jeremiah 17:5-6). “But the LORD of hosts, Him you shall honor as holy. Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.” (Isaiah 8:13)*

- Saul deceived by sin....“Partial obedience is disobedience.”
  - “Saul came to Carmel and behold he set up a monument for himself...” (1 Samuel 15:12)
  - “Blessed be you to the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD.” (1 Samuel 15:13)
  - “I have obeyed the voice of the LORD....But the people took....” (1 Samuel 15:20-21)
  - “The LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel....” (1 Samuel 15:26-28)
- Saul fearing man instead of God.
  - “But Saul and the people spared....all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them.” (1 Samuel 15:9)
  - “For the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God.” (1 Samuel 15:15)
  - “Because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.” (1 Samuel 15:24)
  - “I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, that I may bow before the LORD your God.” (1 Samuel 15:30)
- Samuel’s loving, uncomfortable confrontation of sin and the fear of man.
  - “And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the LORD all night....but Samuel grieved over Saul....” (1 Samuel 15:11,35)
  - “Stop! I will tell you what the LORD said to me this night....Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king.” (1 Samuel 15:16-23)
  - “And Samuel hacked Agag to pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.” (1 Samuel 15:32-33)

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**Worship:** Glorious Christ — Sovereign Grace Music

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) — Chris Tomlin

**Service Times:** Sundays: Pneumatology Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- Gilgal is where Saul's kingship began (1 Samuel 11:15), Gilgal is where Saul lost his generational kingship (1 Samuel 13:13), and Gilgal is where Saul lost his blessing as king (1 Samuel 15:26).

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**Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of September we are collecting monetary donations for Shannon and Vikki Bobb, a missionary couple that is currently living and serving in Cambodia. For more information about them and the work they are currently doing, please see the sign on the back table. There is a container on the back table, beside the offering box, to collect your monetary donations. You can also donate via Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Bobbs when you do so!

★**MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a short Members Meeting THIS Sunday, September 18th, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on Eldership for Jake McElfresh. If you are a church member, please plan on staying for this meeting.

★**PUMPKIN PATCH:** *LADIES*, we are planning a Ladies Pumpkin Patch Fellowship Outing on Saturday, October 1st, at 2pm. If you are interested in going, please let Courtney Dees [(740) 670-2332] know as soon as possible, so that she can arrange carpooling and finalize the plans.