

“The Serious Consequences of Sin” (Part 2)
1 Samuel 31:1-13; 1 Samuel 7:3-13

“When we depend upon organizations, we get what organizations can do; when we depend upon education, we get what education can do; when we depend upon man, we get what man can do; but when we depend upon prayer, we get what God can do.” (A.C. Dixon)

“If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire” (1 Corinthians 3:14-15). “Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ....” (Philippians 1:27). “so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Colossians 1:10). “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called” (Ephesians 4:1). “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil” (2 Corinthians 5:10).

- The Warning of God’s Word: (1 Samuel 12:14-15,23-25)
 - Israel and Saul were told to *FEAR*, *SERVE*, and *OBEY* God and not *REBEL* against God’s Word. They were given the grace of God through forgiveness, (1 Samuel 12:19-22) His Word, and the godly leadership of Samuel (1 Samuel 12:23-25) to accomplish this task.
- Despite Saul’s behavior God gave grace to Saul:
 - Three of Saul’s sons went out to battle with him despite his sinfulness.
 - Saul died doing what the king was called to do, namely fighting God’s enemies.
 - God used the valiant men of Jabesh-Gilead to give Saul and his sons a proper burial.
- Because the people of Israel had stopped trusting God, they fled from their enemies.
 - In 1 Samuel 7, Israel trusts God and God gives them victory. In 1 Samuel 11, Saul trusts God, and God gives them victory. In 1 Samuel 14, Jonathan trusts God and God gives them victory. In 1 Samuel 17 & 23, David trusts God, and God gives them the victory.
 - When God is not trusted it is always disastrous (1 Samuel 4:10-11; 1 Samuel 13:13-14; 1 Samuel 15:28).
- Because of Saul’s sin, the enemies of God rejoice and trust in their gods (1 Chronicles 10:8-12).
 - Saul and his sons represented the God of Israel. They had not forgotten what Yahweh had done to their god Dagon (1 Samuel 5:2-12) and in their minds, Dagon was reigning supreme over Yahweh. They were not sharing the good news of Yahweh but instead they were sharing the “good news” of evil and sin.
 - This is the result of putting our trust in men instead of God (1 Samuel 8:7). No man can ultimately save us, but rest assured that what we do matters and God is glorified or dishonored by our actions.

Announcements:

★**PAINTING VOLUNTEERS:** ***THIS*** Friday, March 10th, from 9am to 4pm and Saturday, March 11th, from 8am to 4pm we will be painting the church entryway! If you are interested in helping, it is not too late to volunteer. There is a sign-up list on the back table or you can see Emily Decker to volunteer!

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of March we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. For more information about HeartCry, please see the board in the entryway! There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also donate through Venmo, please be sure to note that the donation is for HeartCry!

★**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:** We will be celebrating our 6th anniversary as a church on Sunday, March 26th! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to hear the gospel proclaimed and to join us for this celebration!

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner **THIS** Sunday, March 12th, immediately following the worship service! There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**COMMUNION:** We will be celebrating and partaking of Communion together as a church body **THIS** Sunday, March 12th!