

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

June 10-16, 2024

Monday:	1 Samuel 10-12	Proverbs 10
Tuesday:	1 Samuel 13:1-14:48	Proverbs 11
Wednesday:	1 Samuel 14:49-15:35	Proverbs 12
Thursday:	1 Samuel 16-17	Proverbs 13
Friday:	1 Samuel 18-19	Proverbs 14
Saturday:	1 Samuel 20-21	Proverbs 15:1-29
Sunday:	1 Samuel 22-23	Proverbs 15:30-33

Weekend Reflection

This week we read part of the tragedy that is Saul's life and legacy. All through his life we can see that he did not trust in the Lord with his whole heart. At one point, Samuel rebukes Saul for disobeying the Lord. He said: "To obey is better than sacrifice." - 1 Samuel 15:22

Why does God delight in our obedience, more than in our religious ceremonies, etc.? There are many reasons, but paramount among them is that our obedience demonstrates that we fear the Lord. We bow the knee to his sovereign authority in our lives and trust him in the way he directs us. This is what Saul failed to do. He thought he knew better. Saul thought he could make his own way, and worship on his own terms and in his own way.

As we can see from 1 Samuel, Saul was wrong. And we will be too if we follow his example. May we not make his mistake, and instead trust in the Lord with all of our hearts.

SUNDAY SERMON

The sermon for Sunday, June 16 is on Philippians 1:27-30. Read this passage, maybe at breakfast with your family, to prepare your heart for the preaching of God's Word.

Faith Groups

- What does the phrase, “worthy of the gospel of Christ” mean?
- How do we “strive side by side for the sake of the gospel”?
- What is a clear sign of destruction, and how is this good?
- If God “granted” for us to suffer for his sake, how should that impact the way we view suffering?
- How are ways we can practically apply this passage as a church and as individual Christians.