

9. **The Penalty** Saul told Samuel: (V24) *“I have _____: for I have transgressed the _____ of the LORD, and _____ words: because I _____ the people, and _____ their voice.”* By his own admission he allowed his fellows to influence him contrary to God’s will. Too many preachers fall into this trap. They “hold back a little,” fail to “bear down” on the truths that they do teach, or “skip around” controversial subjects, all to avoid offending men. Saul said, *“I pray thee, _____ my _____.”* Samuel replied: (V26) *“Thou hast _____ the word of the LORD, and the _____ hath _____ thee from _____ king over Israel.”*
10. **Saul’s Relationship With Samuel** For all practical purposes Saul’s flagrant disobedience ended Samuel’s ability to continue as Saul’s mentor. He ordered King Agag of the Amalekites brought before him and (V33) *“Samuel _____ Agag in _____ before the LORD in Gilgal.”* Saul and Samuel parted company *“and Samuel came _____ to _____ Saul until the _____ of his _____.”* This was hard for Samuel and (V35) he *“_____ for Saul.”*
11. **Jesse’s Sons** God eventually asked Samuel: (V16:1) *“How _____ wilt thou _____ for Saul?”* He then told him to *“fill thine _____ with _____”* and go to *“_____ the Bethlehemite.”* Samuel worried that *“if Saul _____, he will _____ me.”* God assured him and when he arrived he prepared a sacrifice and invited Jesse and his sons. God had told him (V1) that one of Jesse’s sons would be king. Samuel inspected _____ of Jesse’s sons and God approved none of them. Finally Samuel asks, *“Are here _____ thy children?”*
12. **David** Jesse sent for the youngest son who was herding the sheep. He (V12) *“was _____, and withal of a _____ countenance, and _____ to look to.”* God told Samuel, *“Arise, _____ him.”* It was done and (V13) *“the _____ of the LORD came upon _____ from that day forward.”*
13. **The Philistines – And Goliath** David’s three oldest brothers followed King Saul to battle the Philistines who boasted a champion (17:4) *“named _____, of Gath, whose height was six _____ and a span.”* That made him about ten feet tall. For _____ days Goliath taunted the Israelites to send someone to challenge him. Finally when David came to the Israelite encampment to deliver foodstuff he stated that he would meet Goliath. King Saul sent for him and finally told him (V37), *“Go, and the _____ _____,”* but only after David related having killed a predatory bear and lion. David slew Goliath (V40ff) armed only with a sling and *“five _____ out of the _____.”* King Saul (18:2) *“took him _____ day”* into his own house.
14. **What Happened** Saul’s son Jonathan (V1) *“_____ him as his _____ soul.”* The women of Israel sang, *“Saul hath _____ his _____, and David his _____ thousands.”* We read in (V9) that *“Saul _____ David from that _____ and _____”* and attempted to kill him on numerous occasions being (V12) *“_____ of David, because the LORD was _____ him.”*
15. **Saul’s Daughter** (V20) *“And _____ Saul’s daughter _____ David: and they told Saul, and the thing _____.”* Saul plotted, wanting the Philistines to kill David. For a dowry he wanted from David (V25) *“an _____ foreskins of the Philistines.”* Instead of being killed David brought him (V27) _____ foreskins. He and Michel married but (V29) *“Saul became David’s _____ continually.”* It is a pity that the handsome and impressive Saul was so small in character that he alienated God and harbored hate for a man that pleased God.
16. **How God Beholds Us** When Samuel was inspecting Jesse’s sons God told him (1 Sam 16:7), *“for the LORD _____ as _____ seeth; for man looketh on the _____ appearance, but the LORD _____ on the _____.”* *Fine feathers do not a fine bird make.*
17. **Summation** The Israelites had a fine and faithful judge in Samuel. They wanted an excuse to imitate the heathen nations and replace him with a king. Be careful for what you wish! The NT Church should never bow to the excesses of denominationalism. Look at how Saul turned out. Jesus said: (Jn 14:6) *“I am the _____.”* God’s way is sure! To be Continued in TPBS [#340](#)