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Remove

to take away; to roll off; to turn off; to carry away, put out
to displace, to cause to change place
(v) to go from one place to another

Obstacle

that which opposes; anything that stands in the way and
hinders progress, either in a physical or moral sense

Taking away things which stand in the way and hinder
our progress of serving God.

I'll take the Credit!

I Samuel 13 : 1 – 10

Saul – King of Israel goes to battle

Israelites – scattered, scared, and trembling

Saul is waiting in Gilgal – Why?

I Samuel 10 : 7 – 8

“...go down before me to Gilgal...seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do.”

Samuel does not come (when Saul thinks he should)

The Israelites are scattered

Saul grow impatient

Saul makes the offerings himself

Saul goes out that Samuel might greet him

‘barak’ (h) – to bless

It's not my Fault!

I Samuel 13 : 11 – 12

Samuel asks

“What have you done?”

Saul answers

“Well...

The people were scattered

You did not come

The Philistines were gathering at Michmash

I knew that supplication needed to be made

So I made it

Saul justified what he did

the showing of a sufficient reason why a defendant did what he is called to answer for

No...but you will take the Blame!

I Samuel 13 : 13 – 15

Samuel said

You have done foolishly

You did not keep the commandment of the Lord

Hosea 6 : 6

“For I desire mercy and not sacrifice. And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”

A simple command...or was it?

I Samuel 15 : 1 – 9

Samuel tells Saul to attack the Amalekites

To utterly destroy them; man, woman, infant, child, ox, sheep, camel, donkey – everything

Saul attacks the Amalekites

Saul spares the king

Saul and the people spare all good things, destroy all worthless things

Yes! Look at what you did!

I Samuel 15 : 12 – 19

Samuel finds Saul, and Saul tells him,

“Blessed are you...I have performed the commandment of the Lord.”

Samuel says,

“What then is this bleating of sheep in my ear...?”

“Be quiet...I will tell you what the Lord told me...”

The Lord gave you a mission

“Go, and utterly destroy...fight...until they are consumed”

Why didn't you obey?

Why did you bring back the spoils?

No, I did it right...they did it wrong!

I Samuel 15 : 20 – 21

Saul answers

I have obeyed

I went on the mission

I brought back Agag the king

I utterly destroyed

The people disobeyed

They took of the plunder

They took the best things, which should have been destroyed

To sacrifice to your God

You just don't get it, do you?

I Samuel 15 : 22 – 23

“Has the Lord as great delight in
burnt offering and sacrifice,
As in obeying the voice of the Lord?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
And to heed than the fat of rams.

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.”

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Is your desire to accept credit become an obstacle in your service to God?

What sin have you tried to overlook by passing it off as someone else's fault?

How fast are you at raising your hand to receive credit, whether it is owed or not?

What does God truly desire - Accountability