



(Matthew 17:5), we better listen to Him. When He tells us to repent from our sins (Acts 17:30-31; Acts 3:19), we need to repent from our sinful lifestyles. When He tells us to be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38), we need to do just that. When He tells us to worship Him in spirit and in truth with all of our being (John 4:24;

Mark 12:30), there is no excuse for us not to do so. When it comes to serving God, pride cannot be allowed to get in our way. We cannot entertain the ideas that we know what is better than God or that He'll just accept anything we give Him as long as we're sincere in doing so. We must do as Jesus did: humbly submit to the will of the Lord in obedience even to the death of the cross (Philippians 2:5-8; Matthew 26:42).

Let us all strive our hardest and do our best to obey the Lord in everything He commands. Let us do this so that, in the Day of Judgment, He will not reject us, but accept us with open arms into the home for which we have longed for so very much. May the Lord continue to bless us and give us the knowledge, wisdom, strength, and courage to praise His Most Holy Name by obeying His every command.



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“Utterly Destroy”

by Curtis Carwile

Before Joshua led the people of Israel into the Promised Land in order to conquer it, God gave Joshua and the children of Israel explicit instructions to “utterly destroy” the nations possessing the land at the time and to “utterly destroy” every tie they had to that land (Deuteronomy 7:1-5). As

they entered into the Promised Land, the children of Israel conquered city after city, destroying their people and their altars. However, the conquest of the land was left incomplete after the death of Joshua (Judges 1-2). Treaties were even made with some of the people (Joshua 9). Because the Israelites did not do as the Lord had commanded and had even “forsaken the Lord God who had brought them out of the land of Egypt” by serving the Baals and the Ashtoreths, God’s anger was aroused against them and He allowed the Israelites to be oppressed by those same nations they did not “utterly destroy” (Judges 2:11-15). When the children of Israel would cry out to God, God had compassion upon them and sent deliverers to them, the Judges. Then there would be a period of relative peace in the land—that is, until Israel would turn away from God again.

As time went on, the people grew tired of this arrangement and demanded a physical king like the nations around them in order to judge them (1 Samuel 8:1-6). So, God allowed Israel to have a king like the nations around them and He gave them a young man by the name of Saul the Benjaminite (1 Samuel 9-12). Saul was charged by God to fight against the heathen nations that harassed Israel (1 Samuel 14:47-52). To

one of these nations, the nation of Amalek, Saul was given the same charge to “utterly destroy” them. In 1 Samuel 15:1-3, God told Saul to go and “utterly destroy” the Amalekites and all that they had. In 1 Samuel 15:4-7, Saul went and defeated the Amalekites. However, he did not “utterly destroy” them. Saul brought back from the battle the spoils of war: sheep, oxen, and even the king of the Amalekites. Saul only destroyed the “despised and worthless” things of the Amalekites (1 Samuel 15:7-9).

After this had happened, God told Samuel what Saul had done and sent him to Saul to inform him that God had rejected him as the king over Israel (1 Samuel 15:10-11). When Samuel arrived, Saul met him as if nothing was wrong. In fact, Saul greets him by saying that he had done as the Lord had commanded. Samuel then questions Saul as to why there were spoils of war when the Lord had commanded that everything be “utterly destroyed” (1 Samuel 15:12-14). Saul blamed the plunder on the people and then, in an attempt to make it look better than it actually was, he claimed that they had spared the best of the Amalekites’ livestock in order to offer them as sacrifices to God (1 Samuel 15:15). Samuel rebuked Saul for his sinful and presumptuous pride (1 Samuel 15:16-19). Samuel continued to rebuke Saul by telling him that the Lord had rejected him.

So, after Samuel had “utterly destroyed” all that Saul had not, he left the presence of Saul never to return (1 Samuel 15:22-35).

There is a very important lesson that we all need to learn from this sad story. What we need to learn from this is that when God tells us to do something, we need to do it. We need to realize that “to obey is better than sacrifices.” When God told the Israelites to “utterly destroy” the nations possessing the Promised Land, He expected it to be done. When God told Saul to “utterly destroy” the Amalekites, He expected it to be done. Today, when God tells us something, He expects it to be done. When He tells us to listen to Jesus

