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|  | **LightHouse Ranch****Bible Study**  |

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**The Amalekites attacked Israel not long after their deliverance from Egypt, but today we will see another war with Amaleck which is the greatest trial of Saul’s life. It is not that the trial was so hard to go through, but if Saul rejects God’s Word and disobeys God, Another king will be anointed in Saul’s place.**

Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. **(****James 1:12-16****)**

**The Foolish and the Wise Part II**

**I. Historical Backdrop**

The children of Israel were examples and ensamples for the people living in the “Last days”, and our lifestyle is of utmost importance in our walk with the LORD. (Joel 2:18-24; Acts 2:14-21; I Corinthians 10:1-33) These same children of Israel in Moses’ time, Joshua’s time, and we will see today even in the transistion from the Judges through the earthly kingdom of ancient Israel.

The historical background for I Samuel 15, takes us back to the children of Israel as they were redeemed by the blood and and the power of the Spirit of the LORD out of Egypt, redeemed across the Red Sea, and sang the “Song of the Redeemed”- This being a prophetic type of the children of Israel and the church siging that same song of the redeemed in front of the throne when church and Israel have been redeemed from this world. No sooner had they arrived a short distance to Mara, the children of Israel began chiding with Moses and the LORD saying they wished they had died in Egypt instead of in the wilderness. The long suffering of the LORD miracoulosly gave them water that day to drink and rained down mana, which they ate until they crossed Jordan and they ate the old corn of the land.

**Then the children of Israel were attacked by Amaleck:**

**Exodus 17:8** Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.
**Exodus 17:9** And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.
**Exodus 17:10** So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
**Exodus 17:11** And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.
**Exodus 17:12** But Moses' hands *were* heavy; and they took a stone, and put *it* under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
**Exodus 17:13** And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
**Exodus 17:14** And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this *for* a memorial in a book, and rehearse *it* in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.
**Exodus 17:15** And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi:
**Exodus 17:16** For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn *that* the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation.

**II. Remember What Amalek did to Israel?**

**Thus saith the LORD of hosts**

**I Samuel 15:1** Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee *to be* king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.
**I Samuel 15:2** Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember *that* which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid *wait* for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.
**I Samuel 15:3** Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

**Saul and army head to Amalek**
**I Samuel 15:4** And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.
**I Samuel 15:5** And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.
**I Samuel 15:6** And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

**III. Short Review of Last Week**

Remember last week as Saul was anointed king but had not actually taken the office as king but the LORD’s Spirit came upon Saul and he began his kingdom victory over the Philistines that were in Geba.

After victory for Saul there was a trial – much the same as we all face today, and these trials can be won or lost. If Saul or we today, seek God and obey His Word, the LOTD brings us trough, but if like Saul we have the attitude:

**I Samuel 13:3** And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that *was* in Geba, and the Philistines heard *of it*. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.
**I Samuel 13:4** And all Israel heard say *that* Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and *that* Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.
Almost immediately after Saul’s prideful bost, he lost most of his army, made other foolish acts, and his son and an armorbearer saved the day because they did as the LORD lead.

**IV. Saul to Face Another Trial – (**Review again I Samuel 15:1-3**)**

**Saul smites the Amalekites**

**I Samuel 15:7** And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah *until* thou comest to Shur, that *is* over against Egypt.

**But Saul took Agag the King of the Amalekites alive!**
**I Samuel 15:8** And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.
**I Samuel 15:9** But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing *that was* vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

**Then came the Word of the LORD unto Samuel**
**I Samuel 15:10** Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,
**I Samuel 15:11** It repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be* king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

**Samuel goes to see Saul**
**I Samuel 15:12** And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

**I have performed the the commandment of the LORD says Saul**
**I Samuel 15:13** And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.
**I Samuel 15:14** And Samuel said, What *meaneth* then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

**Saul’s pathetic answer**
**I Samuel 15:15** And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

**I will tell thee what the LORD hath said**
**I Samuel 15:16** Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.
**I Samuel 15:17** And Samuel said, When thou *wast* little in thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?
**I Samuel 15:18** And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.

**Why didn’t you obey the LORD?**
**I Samuel 15:19** Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

**Saul’s answer to Samuel**
**I Samuel 15:20** And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.
**I Samuel 15:21** But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

**To obey is better than sacrifice**
**I Samuel 15:22** And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.
**I Samuel 15:23** For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

**Saul’s false repentence (As the Pharoh did twice to Moses and the LORD)** Exodus 9:23-45; 10:12-20
**I Samuel 15:24** And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.
**I Samuel 15:25** Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.

**Samuel’s answer to Saul**
**I Samuel 15:26** And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.
**I Samuel 15:27** And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.
**I Samuel 15:28** And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, *that is* better than thou.
**I Samuel 15:29** And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he *is* not a man, that he should repent.

**Again False repentance from Saul**

**I Samuel 15:30** Then he said, I have sinned: *yet* honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.
**I Samuel 15:31** So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

**V.** **Bring Ye Hither Agag**
**I Samuel 15:32** Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.
**I Samuel 15:33** And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.
**I Samuel 15:34** Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

**I Samuel 15:35** And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless, Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

**How long wilt thou mourn for Saul**

**I Samuel 16:1** And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.
**I Samuel 16:2** And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.
**I Samuel 16:3** And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.

**Samuel did that which the LORD spake**
**I Samuel 16:4** And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?
**I Samuel 16:5** And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.
**I Samuel 16:6** And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed *is* before him.
**I Samuel 16:7** But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.
**I Samuel 16:8** Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.
**I Samuel 16:9** Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.
**I Samuel 16:10** Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

**Are here all thy children?**
**I Samuel 16:11** And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

**Arise, anoint him**
**I Samuel 16:12** And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.
**I Samuel 16:13** Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

**The Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul**
**I Samuel 16:14** But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.
**I Samuel 16:15** And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.
**I Samuel 16:16** Let our lord now command thy servants, *which are* before thee, to seek out a man, *who is* a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.
**I Samuel 16:17** And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring *him* to me.

**David can play a musical instrument well**
**I Samuel 16:18** Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD *is* with him.
**I Samuel 16:19** Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which *is* with the sheep.
**I Samuel 16:20** And Jesse took an ass *laden* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by David his son unto Saul.
**I Samuel 16:21** And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

**I Samuel 16:22** And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.

**The evil spirit departed from Saul**
**I Samuel 16:23** And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

**VI.** **The Wise and the Foolish****James 1:1** James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

**Count it all joy when you are tried**
**James 1:2** My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

**It can be done if: One knows that the trial of your faith worketh patience**
**James 1:3** Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

**It can be done if: One lets patience work that one may be perfect****James 1:4** But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

**If any of you lack wisdom for what? Must keep in context** – **How to proceed through the trial**
**James 1:5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

**That which is asked will be granted if there is faith present** – **Knowing God will perform His Word**
**James 1:6** But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
**James 1:7** For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
**James 1:8** A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.
**James 1:9** Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:
**James 1:10** But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.
**James 1:11** For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

**Blessed is the man that makes it through temptation – Why is the English Word ”temptation” used?**
**James 1:12** Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
**James 1:13** Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
**James 1:14** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
**James 1:15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
**James 1:16** Do not err, my beloved brethren.

**Good and perfect gifts come from the Father of lights – He performs His Word**
**James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

**Because the Father of lights begat us willfully, we should hear quickly, speak slowly, and slow to wrath**
**James 1:18** Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
**James 1:19** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
**James 1:20** For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

**VII.** **Wherefore, Lay Aside all Filthiness and Receive the Engrafted Word**
**James 1:21** Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
**James 1:22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
**James 1:23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:
**James 1:24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

**What is the perfect Law of Liberty?**
**James 1:25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

**Control your tongue**
**James 1:26** If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion *is* vain.
**James 1:27** Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.

**Don’t have the “faith of our Lord Jesus Christ with at the same time having respect of persons**

**James 2:1** My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with respect of persons.
**James 2:2** For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;
**James 2:3** And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:
**James 2:4** Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

**Don’t despise the poor – many are heirs to the Kingdom that is hard for a rich man to enter****James 2:5** Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?
**James 2:6** But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?
**James 2:7** Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

**What is the royal law – the definition follows royal law**
**James 2:8** If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:
**James 2:9** But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.
**James 2:10** For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.
**James 2:11** For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.
**James 2:12** So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

**Those that show no mercy shall be judged without mercy**
**James 2:13** For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

**Faith without works is dead, being alone**
**James 2:14** What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?
**James 2:15** If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

**James 2:16** And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?
**James 2:17** Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
**James 2:18** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.
**James 2:19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
**James 2:20** But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Justification by works is illustrated with the life of Abraham – here Genesis 22
**James 2:21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
**James 2:22** Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

**But Justification by faith is illustrated again by Abraham, but in** Genesis 15 **– by works made perfect**
**James 2:23** And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.
**James 2:24** Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

**Other illustrations**
**James 2:25** Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent *them* out another way?
**James 2:26** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

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| **Genesis 15:1** After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward.**Genesis 15:2** And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus?**Genesis 15:3** And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.**Genesis 15:4** And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.**Genesis 15:5** And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.**Genesis 15:6** And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. | **Genesis 22:5** And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.**Genesis 22:6** And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.**Genesis 22:7** And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?**Genesis 22:8** And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. |
| **Hebrews 11:17** By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*,**Hebrews 11:18** Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:**Hebrews 11:19** Accounting that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. |
| But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. **(****James 2:20-24****)** |