

King for a Day
Obedience Versus Lipservice

Scripture reading: 1 Samuel 15:22-23

- I. Samuel prophesied in Israel during a period of national transition and religious decline.
- II. Saul is anointed as king by Samuel, but Saul is like the rest of Israel—complacent about following God and obeying the Torah.
- III. Saul is depicted as a bad shepherd and unfamiliar with Samuel's leadership.
- IV. Saul does not follow God's Torah and makes excuses for not obeying it.
- V. To obey God is better than pretending to honor God with false sacrifice.