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“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

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## Obedience

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Good morning, friends. "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. 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." I Samuel 15:22, 23

It seems that we've reached an age and era, when disobedience is very prevalent. These verses which I have just given you are the words of Samuel to King Saul after he had failed to carry out the commandments of the Lord. When Saul was first made king he was quite shy and unassuming but now look at him, if you will. Headstrong and haughty, taking things into his own hands without consulting the Lord. Saul had miserably failed in the task which God had given him to do. Then of course he made excuses. He said it was because of the people but the pride of his own heart had lifted him up to a place of disobedience.

Isn't this true of the times in which we live. Some children do not want to obey their parents. Many of them refuse to obey their school teachers. Often young folks do not want to listen to their elders, but they go headstrong in their own ways and by the same token this is the example which is set by many of the citizens of our country. They don't want to obey the rules and regulations of society. They regard not the life and property of others, to

the extent which they should, and in general there is just a spirit of disobedience prevailing all too often. I am glad this isn't true altogether. There are still some god-fearing people and some children who respect their parents and some citizens who are above reproach. But there is one thing we must all learn if we would please God and that is obedience. Some folks can just offer a lot of excuses why they don't obey and often it appears that their arguments are reasonable but Saul's arguments didn't stand before Samuel. Samuel went on to say, "Stay, and I will tell thee what the Lord hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. 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?"

Do you remember the trouble that Jonah had? Do you know why he was in trouble? Well, let me tell you. It was because he refused to obey what God told him to do. The word of the Lord had come unto Jonah and told him to go unto Nineveh. You see, Nineveh was a large

