

Sermon Application Study

August 24, 2025

Target Passage → 1 Samuel 14:24-46

1. Is Saul's oath from the Lord or from himself? What motivates this oath?
2. How does Jonathan serve as a contrast to Saul in this account? What can Jonathan see that Saul can't?
3. Saul is very concerned that the people are sinning against the Lord by eating meat improperly. Are they? What is Saul missing?
4. How do both the people and Jonathan act in the ways that should more properly come from Saul? What is the Lord teaching us about a true king?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Colossians 3:18-4:1, Luke 17:1-4

For Me →

1. Do you find there are times when you're blind to your own sin? How do you respond when others try to help you see it?
2. Saul put a pretty heavy burden on the backs of his people with his rash oath. Do you think a man-made rule could be part of the problem with a situation in your life? Explain.

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to show you where you have been blind to your own sin. Thank the Lord for the saving power of Christ, who has paid for our sins with his sacrifice.

For the Mission →

Can you think of a relationship you have that is strained and would be strengthened if you sought forgiveness for your sin that you haven't addressed? Explain.