

## Dangers involved in taking liberties with God's Word

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### Introduction

1. 2 Corinthians 4:2
2. The apostles were not doing these things but some must have been.
  1. Some in religion use tricky to deceive people
  2. Some behave in a shrewd way
  3. Some handle the Word of God deceitfully Galatians 1:6-9; Matthew 4; Genesis 3
3. We know there is danger is mishandling God's Word Deuteronomy 4:2, 12, 32; Revelation 22:18-19
4. Let us notice an example of one who mishandled the Word of God

### II Discussion of 1 Samuel 15 King Saul and the destruction of the Amalekites Exodus 17

1. Orders were given = commands of God = Word of God verse 1
  1. The orders were simple verses 2-3
    1. Who was to be destroyed
    2. What he was to do
    3. Why he was to do this deed
  2. The orders were sufficient
    1. There was enough to know exactly what to do
  3. The orders were sure
    1. The orders were from God
    2. The prophet gave them exactly what he was given
    3. Therefore Saul could not question the prophet of God
2. Obedience verse 4
  1. Prompt verses 4-5
    1. Luke 14 excuses were given, not here by Saul
  2. Presumption verse 9
    1. Where did the idea that they could spare some come from?
    2. In the mind of Saul and the people not god
    3. All liberties come from the mind of man
      1. The end justify the means, disobey God to worship cake sales, rummage sales
  3. Partial obedience
    1. Jonah was not partial obedience it was no obedience
    2. 1 Samuel 15:6 He could have destroyed the Amalekites as he should have
    3. Saul did what he wanted to do.
      1. This is cafeteria style religion just picking what you want
3. Outcome verses 16-17
  1. He was reminded of what he had Verse 16-17
    1. He did not live up to his potential
    2. It is what a man could do - he could have destroyed the Amalekites
    3. Matthew 25 One talent man did not live us to his potential
    4. We must develop to our potential or be judged because of not living up to our potential
  2. He was reprovved because of what he did Verse 22-23
    1. Told him what kind of fellow he was
    2. He was rebellious and stubborn
      1. Samuel would not preach long at that church would he
      2. Stephen Acts 7:51-53 did not preach long at all
      3. What if we had preaching like this 2 Timothy 4:2
  3. The consequence of rejection
    1. Because he had taken liberties he was no longer going to be king
    2. What if Saul had a second chance?

3. We ought to learn from his mistakes and obey God in all he said to do

### III Conclusion

1. Order are given to what must I do to be save
2. The orders are simple?
3. What will be our obedience?
4. What will be our outcome?

Source; Winfred Clark preached this sermon at MSOP lecture, I preached in 1989