

1 Sam 15:24 (NLT)

Then Saul finally admitted, "Yes, I have sinned. I have disobeyed your instructions and the Lord's command, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded.

Here's the question of the day. Do you fear the Lord?

For those who say yes, another question is, do you fear God more than man?

"Yes I do" you may say.

Great, but let's look at today's devotional verse and go back to what's happening.

Here God said to King Saul to attack and kill Amalek with specific instructions.

† **1 Sam 15:3** *Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.*

The key is in the last sentence: ***kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.***

So what does Saul do?

† **1 Sam 15:9** *But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.*

With today's devotional verse being Saul's reply when he was questioned about it and why he didn't obey God. ***I have disobeyed your instructions and the Lord's command, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded.***

Here is the king of Israel, who God had anointed to lead the people, and what does he say? ***I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded.***

Wow, talk about politics and listening to what the people wanted instead of God.

But even we quote verses in the bible like:

† **Psalms 56:11** *In God I have put my trust;
I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?*

But how many times do we deny Him, afraid of what others will say or think. Or maybe we are afraid they won't like us if we speak about Jesus.

No, not you?

Well what about going to see a certain "R" rated movie, or to a bar or club, or even Vegas to please your friends even though you know God says not to?

Maybe there are other things you compromise on to please man instead of God.

I know personally I have posted on Face Book speaking against the homosexual lifestyle (Not the people, but rather the sin itself) quoting the bible since it is such a hot topic these days and has been for a few years now politically. I have had friends who unfriended me for posting what the bible says and me speaking out against sin.

Do you keep silent to keep the number of friends high on your Face Book page?

Do you keep silent at work about certain subject such as homosexuality, alcoholism, drugs, partying, pornography and other things to keep peace at work or even in your own home or family?

Didn't Jesus even say:

† **Matt 10:35-37** *For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.*

But in order to live this out, you must fear God more than man.

So I will ask the same question I did at the beginning, and see if you can still answer the same way.

Do you fear God more than man?

If have changed your answer to no, based upon what we just learned, then let me encourage you to pray and ask God to help you understand why you should fear Him more than man, and to put that fear in you so that you can truly quote and live out this famous verse.

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I'll tell you one thing man can not do for you, and that's on judgment day, no man will stand before God and defend you except for one man, Jesus, the one you should fear more than man.