

"Then he said, 'I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, That I May Worship The LORD Thy God." 1 Samuel 15:30 KJV

Saul's heart was revealed in one simple phrase; "*The LORD THY God.*" He didn't say, "my God" or "our God," he said, "*THY God.*" He failed as king, because he never made God "HIS God." Men will always worship something. It is man's nature to hold something in higher esteem than all else. Most either serve wealth, power, or self, or a combination of these, but it will always be self-benevolent. False gods are served for some self-benefit.



Whether it be perceived increase or self-preservation, it matters little why; it's still self-serving. Sad to say, most believers serve God for the same reason; self-benefit. They don't worship God for Who He Is, but rather for What He Gives. There's a vast difference between knowing ABOUT God and KNOWING God. Those who know God, love Him and service to Him Is "*Joy unspeakable and full of Glory!*" If you only serve God out of a sense of duty, you don' really know Him. It's more about self-gratification or self-preservation than anything else. True Relationships with God are about Him, not about self. My prayers are the measure of which that is. While we are told to petition God for our "*daily bread,*" is that all we do? When did you last spend time just telling God how much He means to you? How much you love Him? How Wonderful He Is? How thankful you are to Him? God Delights in the "*unfeigned Faith*" and love bestowed upon Him by His Beloved Saints, and Is Jealous of their affection. How would you feel if loved ones only spent time with you when they needed something and the rest with others? Do you think God is any less grieved? Is God YOUR God or someone else's?

The great Jehovah God above,
Will know if He's the one you love,
Your heart betrayed by spoken word,
Makes known to all if He's "your" LORD! –CGP

Saul's words proved he knew who Samuel's God was. That wasn't the problem. Saul had had broken the First Commandment. "*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This Is The First And Great Commandment.*" Saul made a great show of serving God, but his own words proved he did not know or love God. Although Chosen by God to be king, Saul was exactly what Israel deserved; a Godless king for a Godless people! A nation's leaders are always exactly what they deserve! "*The Most High Ruleth in the kingdom of men, and Giveth it to whomsoever He Will, And Setteth Up Over it the basest of men. The wicked shall be turned into hell and ALL the nations that forget God!*" Is our service to God just to increase our esteem in the eyes of others? Self is the difference between "burnt out" believers and a Faithful Life. Have we forsaken our First Love? Your life will openly admit who YOUR God is!

"If My People, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My Face, and turn from their wicked ways; then Will I Hear From Heaven, And Will Forgive their sin, and Will Heal their land. Now Mine Eyes Shall Be Open, And Mine Ears Attent unto the prayer that is made in this Place. For now Have I Chosen And Sanctified This House, That My Name May Be There For Ever: And Mine Eyes And Mine Heart Shall Be There Perpetually." 2 Chronicles 7:14-16 KJV