

SCCC- MONUMENT FOR THE WRONG PERSON

S - Scriptures

“For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king.” I Samuel 15: 23

C – Consideration

God had commanded Saul to go to war against Amalek; however, despite very clear instructions delivered by Samuel, the king ended up disobeying the divine commands. “Why did you not obey the Lord? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the Lord?” Saul replied to the prophet, “The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the Lord your God at Gilgal.” But Samuel rebuked him saying: “Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.” He replied to God’s reproof saying: “I have sinned. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them.”

C – Commitment

This is one of the strongest disapprovals of the Bible to an appointed leader. Analyzing it on a natural level, it really didn’t like seem to be a big mistake. Saul stated in his encounter with Samuel that, “I did obey the LORD; I went on the mission the LORD assigned me.” However, the details of the narrative would tell why this man was called a witch doctor and an idolater. The first thing he did after the battle was over was to set up “a monument in his own honor.” Instead of glorifying God for the victory, he exalted himself; then by disobeying God’s orders, as he later declared, “I violated the LORD’s command and your instructions” as result he turned to rebellion, falling into the judgment written by Paul “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; but the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.” The king was pleasing his sinful desires, which resulted in separation from the Lord and eventually his final fate, his death.

C – Call

Lord, Your word has reminded me about Your holiness. How easily I can be trapped in religious actions, to cover up rebellion and stubbornness. Please, help me to fear Your word, to keep Your word, to obey Your word, to stand against anything that would dishonor Your name. Deliver me from building a monument in my heart for self, but to have an inner altar to worship You in Spirit and in truth. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.