

He thought his disobedience would be blessed if he made it spiritual.

Saul was told when he went to war, to destroy King Agag and all that pertained to him. Instead, he spared the livestock and the king's life. When Samuel confronted him with his disobedience, he offered a spiritual solution. He spared the sheep to sacrifice to God! What a noble thing. It was Saul thinking of a spiritual act of worship to honor God. But was it?

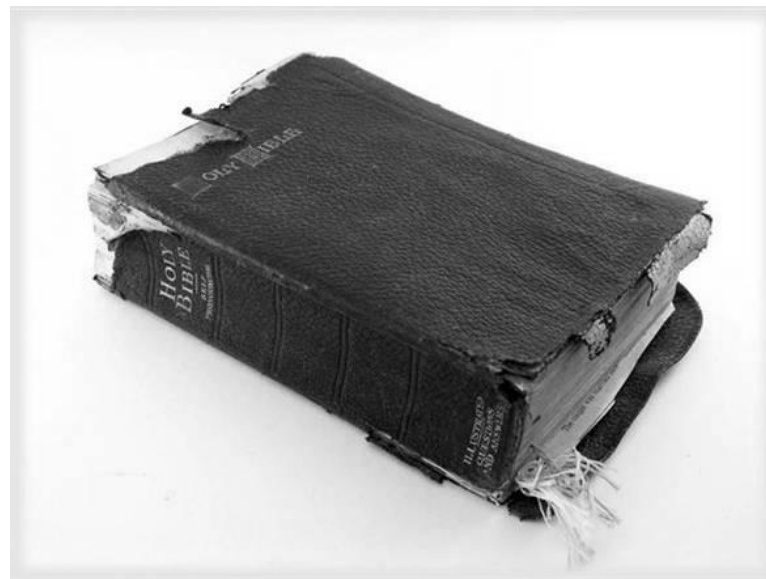
We find God rejected him because of his disobedience. God's Spirit lifted off of Saul and though he remained king another 20 years it was with heartbreak and defeat.

All of us have the same tendency. We offer something spiritual along with our disobedience. I remember a man in our church that God was dealing with about his habit with tobacco. Every week I would see his can of Skoal in his hip pocket. Soon though, he came up to me after a service and announced he was going to Bible School through an online University. I could see what he was doing. Substitution is a poor excuse for obedience. The fellow did join the classes, but soon dropped out of church. Today he no longer attends church anywhere.

His relationship quickly deteriorated until he lost it.

God help us to listen to God's still small voice and to obey whatever He says. Nothing works but obedience!

Pastor Doug Chambers

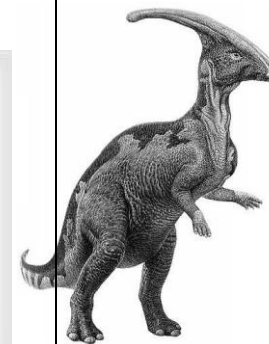


*One thing is sure: if your Bible is falling apart, your life isn't.  
What does your Bible look like?*

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**The Needhams!**  
Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
6:00 pm only



**Dinosaurs!**  
Where did they come from?  
Does the Bible speak of them?

Hear this fascinating probe  
into scripture about the  
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Pastor Chambers teaching the  
Auditorium Class  
**Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30am**  
Don't miss this one!



**GATEKEEPERS YOUTH SERVICE**  
Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
Everyone who comes will get a CD with 11  
songs that they will be singing for worship  
in the coming weeks!