

I SAMUEL 14.24-15.35

1. Look carefully at the **oath** Saul took in 14:24. What are one or two words that you would use to describe this particular oath?

What was Jonathan's assessment of Saul's oath?

2. The people were so famished that they did what in verse 32?

God prohibited eating meat with blood. For what reasons had he prohibited it (Lev. 7:10-11)?

What did Saul do to remedy the problem of the people eating **blood**?

3. What was it that caused Saul to think that sin had arisen among the people (v. 38)?

Saul took an oath in verse 24. What new oath does he take in verse 39?

Describe the process by which Saul determined that the 'guilty' one was Jonathan?

Who saved Jonathan from death? What reason(s) did they give as to why he shouldn't die?

4. At the end of chapter 14, there's a summary of Saul's reign. Regarding his **military** combat, would you say it was largely positive or negative?

Regarding his **family**, what are some of Saul's family relationships that are mentioned?

5. According to 15:2, what had **Amalek** done to the Israelites when they came out of Egypt?

Read Deuteronomy 25:17-19. According to verse 18, what (at least three) things did Amalek do to Israel?

6. Saul was given clear instructions about Amalek (v. 3). In what specific ways did he **disobey** (vv. 8, 9)?

What was God's response to Saul's disobedience (vv. 10, 11)? What was Samuel's reaction to God's response?

7. In verse 15, Saul tries to defend his actions to Samuel. Look carefully at what he says in that verse. What are some different problems that you see with his statements in verse 15?

8. In chapter 13, Saul disobeyed the Lord. What were the **consequences** on that occasion (13:13, 14)? In chapter 15, what were the consequences of his sin (v. 26)?

9. If you look at verses 24 and 25, on the surface it looks like Saul truly and sincerely **repents** of his sins. But if you look closer, he may not have truly repented. From verses 24-31, what indications do you see that his repentance may not have been genuine?