

BE PATIENT IN DECISIVE MOMENTS

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1 SAMUEL 13:10-15

10 Just as he finished offering the burnt offering, Samuel arrived. So Saul went out to greet him, 11 and Samuel asked, “What have you done?”

Saul answered, “When I saw that the troops were deserting me and you didn’t come within the appointed days and the Philistines were gathering at Michmash, 12 I thought: The Philistines will now descend on me at Gilgal, and I haven’t sought the Lord’s favor. So I forced myself to offer the burnt offering.”

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13 Samuel said to Saul, “You have been foolish. You have not kept the command which the Lord your God gave you. It was at this time that the Lord would have permanently established your reign over Israel, 14 but now your reign will not endure. The Lord has found a man loyal to Him,[i] and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not done what the Lord commanded.”

15 Then Samuel went[j] from Gilgal to Gibeah in Benjamin. Saul registered the troops who were with him, about 600 men.

DEFINITION OF PATIENCE

- Bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint.
- Manifesting forbearance under provocation or strain.
- Not hasty or impetuous.
- Steadfast despite opposition, difficulty, or adversity.

“WHAT YOU HAVE DONE?”

Saul response:

- The people was leaving me alone
- You did not come on the appointed time
- I forced myself to offer the burn offering

SAMUEL'S RESPONSE

- You are a fool
- You are disobedient
- You are out of God's plan

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Patience comes from God – Romans 15:4-6
- Patience is a manifestation of the Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22
- Patience is pleasing to God – James 5:10
- Patience allows us to be strengthened and blessed by God – Psalms 37:7-9

A CALL TO SELF-EXAMINATION

Romans 15:4-6

4 For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through **endurance** and through the **encouragement** from the Scriptures. 5 Now may the God who gives[a] **endurance** and **encouragement** allow you to live in **harmony** with one another, according to the **command of Christ Jesus**, 6 so that you may **glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ** with a united mind and voice.