

THE FALL OF SAUL, PART 1: FAILING TO WAIT

1 Samuel 13:1–23

Waiting is never easy. We want answers, results, and direction—and we want them *now*. But the life of faith often asks us to do the opposite: to wait. First Samuel 13 recounts a scene from the life of Saul, Israel’s first king, standing at the edge of a crisis. The enemy is at the gates, his army is small, weak, and afraid, and the moment demands action—or so it seems. Saul faces a choice: trust God’s timing or step ahead in his own. He chooses the latter, and the consequences are devastating. This isn’t just ancient history. Each of us faces moments like Saul’s: when patience feels unbearable, when pressure tempts us to act without God, when fear, uncertainty, or frustration threatens to make us take control. As we explore this chapter, God’s people today are invited to wrestle with the same question Saul faced: Can we trust God’s timing when waiting feels impossible?

An Ominous Setting 13:1–7

A Disastrous Mistake 13:8–14

A Hopeless Situation 13:15–23

A Timeless Call: *Wait for the Lord!*

For His Provision Matt. 6:32–33

For His Approval 1 Cor. 4:5

For His Sanctifying Work Phil. 1:6

For His Justice and Vindication Rom. 12:19

For His Healing and Resurrection Rom. 8:23

For His Victorious Return 1 Cor. 1:7