

THE FALL OF SAUL, PART 3: FAILING TO LISTEN

1 Samuel 15:1–35

Warnings are often ignored not because they are unclear, but because they are outmatched. Other voices speak louder—voices of confidence, momentum, pragmatism, and self-assurance. What sounds reasonable in the moment can slowly eclipse what is right, especially when obedience carries cost and delay. Scripture repeatedly exposes the danger of selective listening. God’s word may be acknowledged and affirmed while still being reshaped by competing priorities. Partial obedience begins to masquerade as faithfulness. Adjustments feel small. Justifications feel necessary. Over time, the authority of God’s voice is reduced from final to marginal to optional. Scripture calls God’s people not merely to hear him, but to listen to him—to treat his word as decisive and sufficient. When God speaks, his voice is not one among many, but the voice that must govern every other.

God’s Voice 15:1–9

World’s Voice 15:10–21

Consequences 15:22–35

Listen to God’s Voice!

- Listen attentively
- Listen submissively
- Listen primarily
- Listen ultimately