

SAUL FAILS GOD'S TEST

1 Samuel 13:1-15

Key verse: 14

Discussion questions:

- In what circumstances do we need to wait on God in times of trouble instead of acting on our own?
- How can we know God's heart and seek after it?

Inductive study questions:

1. What caused this conflict with the Philistines? (1-4) How does Saul's army compare to that of the Philistines? (5) How did this become a challenge for Israel? How did they respond? (6-7) How can we deal with our fears?
2. What was Saul supposed to do? (8) How difficult was it? What excuses did Saul give which "forced" him to disobey? (9-12) Why is it so hard for us to follow God's time and will? How dangerous is it to follow our own feelings and will?
3. What was Samuel's rebuke to Saul? (13) How severe is God's punishment to Saul? (13b-14a) Why was it "foolish"? What does it mean to seek after God's own heart? (14b-15) In what ways was Saul not after God's heart?