**1 Samuel 13**

Saul was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned over Israel forty- two years.

**2**Saul chose three thousand men from Israel; two thousand were with him at Mikmash and in the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan at Gibeah in Benjamin. The rest of the men he sent back to their homes.

**3**Jonathan attacked the Philistine outpost at Geba, and the Philistines heard about it. Then Saul had the trumpet blown throughout the land and said, “Let the Hebrews hear!” **4**So all Israel heard the news: “Saul has attacked the Philistine outpost, and now Israel has become obnoxious to the Philistines.” And the people were summoned to join Saul at Gilgal.

**5**The Philistines assembled to fight Israel, with three thousand chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They went up and camped at Mikmash, east of Beth Aven. **6**When the Israelites saw that their situation was critical and that their army was hard pressed, they hid in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns. **7**Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead.

Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear. **8**He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul’s men began to scatter. **9**So he said, “Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.” And Saul offered up the burnt offering. **10**Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him.

**11**“What have you done?” asked Samuel.

Saul replied, “When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Mikmash, **12**I thought, ‘Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the Lord’s favor.’ So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering.”

**13**“You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. **14**But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord’s command.”

**15**Then Samuel left Gilgal and went up to Gibeah in Benjamin, and Saul counted the men who were with him. They numbered about six hundred.

**16**Saul and his son Jonathan and the men with them were staying in Gibeah in Benjamin, while the Philistines camped at Mikmash. **17**Raiding parties went out from the Philistine camp in three detachments. One turned toward Ophrah in the vicinity of Shual, **18**another toward Beth Horon, and the third toward the borderland overlooking the Valley of Zeboyim facing the wilderness.

**19**Not a blacksmith could be found in the whole land of Israel, because the Philistines had said, “Otherwise the Hebrews will make swords or spears!” **20**So all Israel went down to the Philistines to have their plow points, mattocks, axes and sickles sharpened. **21**The price was two-thirds of a shekel[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Samuel+13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-7507g)] for sharpening plow points and mattocks, and a third of a shekel[[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Samuel+13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-7507h)] for sharpening forks and axes and for repointing goads.

**22**So on the day of the battle not a soldier with Saul and Jonathan had a sword or spear in his hand; only Saul and his son Jonathan had them. **23**Now a detachment of Philistines had gone out to the pass at Mikmash.

**1 Samuel 10:8**

“Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do.”

**Luke 6:1-4**

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. **2**Some of the Pharisees asked, “Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?” **3**Jesus answered them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? **4**He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

**Matthew 15:1-9**

Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, **2**“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!” **3**Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? **4**For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ **5**But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’ **6**they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. **7**You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

**8**“‘These people honor me with their lips,  
    but their hearts are far from me.  
**9**They worship me in vain;  
    their teachings are merely human rules

**Titus 2:11-14**

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. **12**It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, **13**while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, **14**who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

