



*The Way That
Seemed Right to Saul*

*“There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way of death.”*

-Proverbs 14:12

I. The Sin (vv. 1-9)

A. A Way That Seems More Compassionate

- God is Just (Dt. 25:17-19; Gn. 9:6; 15:16; Mt. 26:52)
- Is He Harsh? (Rm. 1:26-27; Mt. 19:10; Rm. 3:3-4)



I. The Sin (vv. 1-9)

A. A Way That Seems More Compassionate

B. A Way That Seems More Spiritual

- Worship Must Be God's Way! (Jn. 2:24; Mt. 15:8-9)
- Obedience Over Emotion (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)



I. The Sin (vv. 1-9)

A. A Way That Seems More Compassionate

B. A Way That Seems More Spiritual

C. A Way That Seems Obedient Enough

- Partial Obedience is Disobedience (Jdg. 2:1-3)
- Total Allegiance is Necessary (Mk. 12:30)
- This is Just (Lk. 9:22-23)



II. The Confrontation (vv. 10-23)

A. Whatever You Think You Know, God Knows Better

- The Way of the World is Tempting (Jdg. 1:6-7)
- But It Has Consequences (Est. 3:1)
- God's Way Protects Us (Lev. 18; Dt. 7:4; I Cor. 5:6-7; 15:33; II Cor. 6:17)
- Stubbornness is Idolatry



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B. Whatever the Crowds Say, God Will Tell the Truth

- Test Others Against Him (Ac. 17:11)
- The Crowd is Usually Confused (Ac. 19:32)
- God Tells It Like It Is (Josh. 13:1)



II. The Confrontation (vv. 10-23)

- A. Whatever You Think You Know, God Knows Better
- B. Whatever the Crowds Say, God Will Tell the Truth
- C. Whatever Role You Think You Play, Remember You're A Servant
 - Saul was a Successful King (I Sam. 14:47-52)
 - Don't Let Success Go To Your Head
(Dan. 2:37-38; 4:17; Php. 2:3)
 - Remember We Are Servants
(Est. 4:14)



III. The Repentance (vv. 24-35)

A. Even After Physical Consequences, Repentance is Possible

- Saul Lost the Kingdom, but Worshiped God
- Repentance Does Not Reverse Physical Consequences



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B. Repentance Demands We Set Things Right

- Do Things God's Way! (Ac. 26:20)



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C. Even After Repentance, Sin Destroyed a Relationship

- Sin is a Big Deal (Gen. 3-4)
- Samuel Mourned for Saul
(II Th. 3:14-15; cf. I Cor. 5:2)
- God Regretted Saul was King
(Gen. 6:5-6; cf. Jon. 3:10)





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