

Deflecting Blame

1 SAMUEL 15

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- ▶ Society of Victims
 - ▶ Disobeying laws
 - ▶ Sexual Sins
 - ▶ Drugs and Alcohol – “disease”
 - ▶ Terrorists
 - ▶ Wives not submitting
 - ▶ Child – “He started it”

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- ▶ King Saul – 1 Sam. 15
 - ▶ False sense of security (13)
 - ▶ “Are you sure?” (14)
 - ▶ Blaming others (15)
 - ▶ Confrontation (18-19) (22-23) (26)
 - ▶ Denial (20)
 - ▶ Attempt to justify (21)
 - ▶ Realization and “repentance,” still blaming (24-25)
 - ▶ Saul had “better ideas” than God

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- ▶ Better ideas than God?
 - ▶ Kitchens, ball teams, etc.
 - ▶ Instrumental music
 - ▶ “I know God wouldn’t want me to be alone”

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- ▶ King Saul – 1 Sam. 15
- ▶ Adam and Eve – Gen. 3
 - ▶ Realization, guilt, hiding (7-10)
 - ▶ Confrontation (11, 13) (1 Kings 1:5-6)
 - ▶ Blaming others (12-13)
 - ▶ Consequences (14-19)

Responsible for Our Own Actions

- ▶ Both will fall into the ditch – Matt. 15:12-14; 18:6
- ▶ Peter – John 21:15-23
- ▶ “If we confess our sins. . .” 1 John 1:8-10
- ▶ Each will be judged individually – 2 Cor. 5:9-10