

their own lies.

31. "And Samuel said, what meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, & the lowing of the oxen which I hear? And Saul said, They have brought"—they, not him! This is Justus' typical excuse! "Well, Eman won't do it!" I guess in that you folks are right, they're all guilty. "They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep & of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God, & the rest we have utterly destroyed."

32. "We only saved them for the Lord, though we didn't quite do what you said, but we thought this was better!" We did everything else & we served you faithfully & won the battle & defeated the enemies, & look how much we've accomplished! Look at all these Letters and all this art & all this typing & all this! Behold, we have performed the commandment of the Lord!"

33. There's no half-way with God! There's no 90% of the way with God! "What meaneth then the bleating of the sheep in mine ears & the lowing of the oxen which I hear? You are a liar!" Samuel was saying right to Saul's face, "You didn't do what I told you to do, you didn't slay utterly!" That was his commandment, to slay them utterly.

34. They have not slain utterly! They didn't get rid of this woman. He didn't slay utterly that thing in his heart, it's still alive, he's still saving it. He's come, he's won the victory, he's done this, he's done that, but that thing's still alive, that evil is still alive!

35. "Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, & I will tell thee what the Lord has said to me this night. And Saul said, Say on. And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, & the Lord anointed thee king over Israel? And the Lord sent thee on a journey, & said, Go & utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, & fight against them until they be consumed." That's what I told them to do when I sent them back to Italy: "Don't come back until this problem is utterly slain & gotten rid of totally!" "Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord?"

36. "And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the

voice of the Lord, & have gone the way which the Lord sent me, & have brought Agag the king of Amalek, & have utterly destroyed the Amalekites." Now he's trying to even throw the king in to bribe Samuel a little bit: "Listen, you didn't hear about this, but I even brought the king back with me!"

37. It shows you how stupid & how dumb people can be when they're disobeying God & how deceived they are! Well, as far as God was concerned, that was the worst thing he could have done, because He told him to kill them all, & yet he brought the guy back with him & he's trying to sway Samuel now in his judgement by saying, "Well maybe that was a mistake, but hey, I've got the king with me, you didn't hear about that! I've got a really famous captive, this will bring glory to us! I captured the king!"

38. "But the people took of the spoil, sheep & oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal." Now see if this isn't what Justus will say: "Well, Eman just wouldn't do it, he just wouldn't slay utterly, but in our service to the Lord we just came anyway."

39. "And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings & sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord?" All these little burnt offerings & sacrifices they send up the hill every day mean nothing compared to obedience. Look what it's going to do to them now—nothing—because they can't do it as long as they haven't obeyed. It'll ruin their whole work & ministry! And here comes the classic, of course, which is so famous:

40. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, & to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, & stubbornness is as iniquity & idolatry." That was the first Scripture I ever got for Genesis, by the way, she was rebellious & stubborn, very rebellious & stubborn, almost always, but they didn't think that was too bad.

41. "Because thou hast rejected the Word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king." If they cannot obey, they can't have their job. We can't have people who don't obey. Justus just acts like a little king down there in his little domain,