

## 1 SAMUEL 13; March 28; Saul Foolishly Acts As A Priest

### ANALYSIS:

1. The Philistine invasion consisted of \_\_\_\_\_ chariots, \_\_\_\_\_ horsemen and a \_\_\_\_\_ of people.
2. What were Saul's 3 excuses for doing sacrifice as a priest? The people \_\_\_\_\_, Samuel \_\_\_\_\_, the Philistines \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Saul claimed he \_\_\_\_\_ himself to act as a priest, indicating he knew better.
4. Samuel told Saul he had lost the kingdom by doing \_\_\_\_\_, and the LORD would set up a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Israelite army had neither swords nor spears because there was no \_\_\_\_\_ in all the land of Israel.

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Under great pressure, due to the Philistine invasion and his army going A.W.O.L., Saul intrudes into the priest's office. He disobeys God's clear command and ignores the startling example God made of Korah & Company when they violated the priest's office (Nu 16:1-3, 32-40 Note especially verse 40). Although Saul began his reign in humility, this sin was of such magnitude that God replaced him and his family with a man after His own heart. There is never any excuse for sin that God accepts!

Never underestimate the painful, destructive, far-reaching and lasting results of a sin. Remember, "be sure your sin will find you out" (Nu 32:23).

While Saul did wait "seven days according to the set time that Samuel had appointed" him (v 8), his impatience apparently led him to act profanely as though he were a priest. Are you sometimes impatient? Rule that spirit and save yourself from sinning. Note that Samuel arrived "as soon as" Saul had offered the burnt offering (v 10).

### HELP:

1. 30,000, 6,000, multitude (v 5).
2. Were scattered, delayed coming or came not when Saul expected him, gathered together against Israel (v 11).
3. Forced (v 12).
4. Foolishly, man after His own heart (vs 13, 14).
5. Smith (vs 19, 22).