

Life Lessons From 1 Samuel  
Lessons For People Everywhere  
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Though God will not bless His sinning people, neither will He allow an enemy to mock His glory or dishonor His name (1 Sam 5:1-5; Isa 44:9-20; Psalm 115:1-11; Gal 6:7-8; Psalm 78:56-59)

*Repeated and continual rejection of God's evidence and message will inevitably lead to God's judgment*  
(1 Sam 5:6-12; 15:10-23; Num 14:21-25; Rom 1:18-25)

Spiritual issues always expose the condition of our hearts - whether there is repentance and submission or continued disobedience and hardening - which leads to an escalation of judgment (1 Sam 6:1-12; Exo 5:1-2; 8:15,32; Luke 15:17-21)

God's activities always speak to both believers and unbelievers alike (1 Sam 6:13-18; 1 Kings 18:20-39; Mark 5:1-20)

The consequences of God's judgment are experienced by everyone who refuses to submit to His authority, operate according to His truth, and treat Him as holy  
(1 Sam 6:19-7:1; Num 25:1-18)

**Life Lesson:**

Regardless of one's *heritage, standing, background or belief*, there is never a substitute for obedience to God's Word and God's ways.