**SAYING “*NO”* TO GOD**

**1 Samuel 10:18, 19**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Even after Israel had been delivered from Egypt and others, who were oppressing them, they

 still remained ungrateful for the many things God had provided for them.

 A. After all God had done, they had the gall to say “***NO***” and reject Him as their King.

**BODY:**

**1. WHO MAN IS SAYING “*NO*” TO?**

 A. God, not man or animal / Our Creator (Gen 1:26; Ac 17:24) / Our Sustainer (Psa 55:22).

 B. The One who LOVES us more than [we] can understand (Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 4:10).

 E. The Holy, Just, Pure, Powerful and Wise God of Heaven and Earth.

**2. WHY MAN SAY “*NO*” TO GOD? Because…**

 A. Some are seeking their own selfish ways. Israel wanted a king like the other nations.

 1. Even today **MAN** still want things and [ignorantly] say God had better ***NOT*** interfere.

 B. Some have said “***NO***” to God out of ignorance (Psa 14:1; Rom 1:21).

 1. Since many men do ***NOT*** know God or His Will, they are actual1y saying “***NO***” to

 Him by rejecting knowledge (Rom 10:1 – 3; 1 Cor 15:34; 2 Cor 10:5; Col 1:9, 10).

 C. Many say “***NO***” to God because saying “yes” would demand too much of themselves.

 1. Oftentimes one would rather say ***NO*** than to admit God is right and **MAN** is wrong.

 2. So many times [we] find there are those who seem to think they are wiser than God.

 A. However, this is ***NOT*** true (Isa 55:7, 8).

 D. **MAN** say “***NO***” to God because of sin and Satan.

 1. Sin is a deadly condition (Jas 1:14, 15) / Satan is a deadly foe (1 Pet 5:8).

**3. SOME WHO HAVE SAID “*NO*” TO GOD**

 A. The nation of Israel said “***NO***” to God (1 Sam 10:18, 19).

 1. They said they wanted an earthly king, thus saying “***NO***” to God as their King.

 2. Even though their previous experiences with kings led them into idolatry, captivity and bondage; notwithstanding, they still wanted an earthly king.

 B. Even this very hour, the USA is saying “***NO***” to God (Pro 14:34).

 C. Churches having said “***NO***” to God (Rev 2, 3).

 1. Ephesus (Rev 2:1 – 7) / Smyrna (Rev 2:8 – 11) / Pergamos (Rev 2:12 – 17)

 2. Thyatira (Rev 2:18 – 29) / Sardis (Rev 3:1 – 6) / Philadelphia (Rev 3:7 – 13)

 3. Laodicea (Rev 3:14 – 22) - They ALL said “***NO***” by departing from God’s Pattern.

 A. This departure led them into apostasy, religious confusion and disorder.

 4. Futuristically, as denominationalism came into existence, leds to the condemnation of

 souls because MAN listens to other MAN instead of God’s Word (Mt 15:9; Ac 5:29).

 A. This is still in effect as [we] speak (even until this very hour).

 D. Christians say “***NO***” to God.

 1. Some are saying “***NO***” by ***NOT*** denying themselves which God would ***NOT*** want

 them to have (Lk 9:23; Rom 12:1, 2).

 2. Some by showing they will ***NOT*** support the work of the local congregation [church].

 3. Others say “***NO***” to God by ***NOT*** having a good relationship at home (1 Pet 3:1, 2, 7).

 4. Often times, by saying we are ***NOT*** going to attend the worship service, Study our

 Bibles (2 Tim 2:15) or simply failing to evangelize. All of these are [equally] deadly.

 E. One who has never obeyed the gospel continues to say “***NO***” to God every day (Jn 8:24).

 1. Each and every time one rejects the pleas to obey the gospel (Heb 5:8, 9).

 A. Every time one is saying “***NO***” to Salvation, Spiritual Blessings and to Heaven.

 2. Would you rather say “***NO***” to die in your sins or “yes” to live eternally with God?