

# *Before the THRONE*

## *The Devotional*

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1 Samuel 15:33

“...and Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.” 1 Samuel 15:33

If we can for a moment look past the grisly sight of Samuel’s obedience to the Lord we will see a key factor in his ongoing success as a man of God.

First, we must again note that Samuel, as opposed to Saul, was obedient to the voice of the LORD. His obedience has been witnessed as a quick or speedy compliance with the commands of the LORD. However, there is another aspect of Samuel’s obedience that we must integrate into our own spiritual lives – Samuel’s obedience was not only quick, but his obedience was complete!

Many Christians are quick to answer the call of God, but few have the staying power necessary to finish their course – to fully comply with the Lord’s demand. “ And there are they in like manner that are sown on stony ground, who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness, and have no root in themselves and so endure but for a time.” (Mark 4:16-17)

We must be determined to not only start but finish what the LORD requests of us. In the final analysis, partial obedience is really no obedience at all.