

An Elder Statement's Rebuke

1 Samuel 13.1-15

Multiple problems

- **a foolhardy son vs3-4**
- **a feeble army vs2,5-7,15,22**
outnumbered, outclassed
- **a missing mentor vs7-8**

Much that was laudable

- **he assumed responsibility**
- **he organised his defence**
- **he called the people to Gilgal**
- **he sought the Lord's favour**
- **he stood his ground**

Why such a harsh judgement?

- **wasn't Samuel at fault?**
- **God tests our heart v14**

1. A Wrong Attitude

- *a desire to act independently*
 - *an uneasy relationship*
he needed Samuel
 - *great potential*
failure wasn't inevitable
 - *a fatal lack of humility*
1 Pet 5.5; Dan 4.29-31

2. A Wrong Spirit

- *impatience 9.5*
 - *a temperamental weakness*
Heb 12.1
 - *he needed to wait v8; 10.8*
pressure proved too much
 - *a fatal lack of faith Jas 5.7-8*

3. Wrong Actions

- *impudence 9.5; Ps 14.1*
 - *assumed he could do anything*
rituals are no substitute
for obedience 15.22
 - *a fatal lack of respect for God*