

THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF SIN

Introduction: Saul's life of sin will finally come to an _____. Disobedience always ends in _____. "And sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth _____" (James 1:15).

- I. Sin brings _____ destruction (1 Sam. 31:1-3).
 - A. This was the battle that David was going to be _____ in.
 - B. God's _____ were not upon Israel because of their distance from His Word.
 - C. _____ is nothing to be taken for granted (Pr. 21:31).
 - D. Samuel's prophecy was _____.
 - E. It is sad when the _____ fall with the ungodly.
 - F. Jonathan was a man who would be greatly _____.
 - G. Satan is always _____ at us with his arrows (Eph. 6:16).
 - H. Faith in and obedience to God's Word will _____ us.
- II. Sin brings _____ destruction (1 Sam. 31:4-7).
 - A. The last moments of one's life _____ much.
 - B. Saul's last moments were filled with _____ and despair.
 - C. His long life of sin and continual rejection of God's will led to his _____.
 - D. Satan's goal is to _____ life.
 - E. Poor leadership has a negative effect on those _____ it.
- III. Sin brings _____ destruction (1 Sam. 31:8-13).
 - A. Saul's life of sin gave the heathen an occasion to speak ill of God's _____.
 - B. How we live will determine the _____ we leave behind.
 - C. We have the opportunity to either bring _____ or shame to the name of Christ by the way we live our lives (1 Cor. 10:31).
 - D. The men of Jabesh retrieved Saul for the _____ of God's name.
 - E. David did not _____ in the death of Saul (2 Sam. 1:17-24).

Conclusion: "This book began with the birth of Samuel, but now it ends with the burial of Saul, the comparing of which two together will teach us to prefer the honor that comes from God before any of the honors which this world pretends to have the disposal of" (Henry).