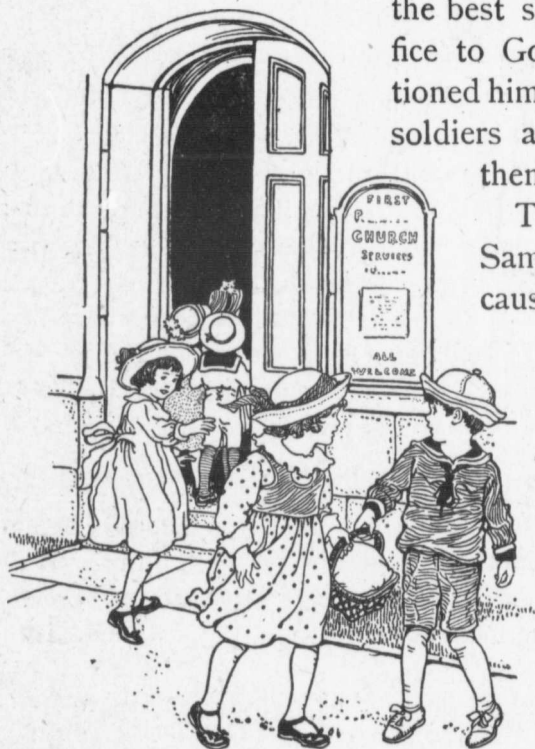


The next day Samuel came to meet Saul, and Saul said, "I have done as the Lord commanded." God had told Samuel all that Saul had done, so Samuel knew that Saul was not telling the truth.

"What is that noise of bleating of sheep and lowing of cattle?" asked Samuel, and Saul said that they had brought the best sheep and cattle to sacrifice to God; when Samuel questioned him closely, Saul blamed his soldiers and said that they took them!



Then very sadly and sternly Samuel told Saul that because he had not obeyed God and had not been faithful to him, there should be a new king chosen for Israel. God had been very patient with Saul, but Saul had been selfish and disobedient, and had thought always of himself rather than of God. Samuel said to Saul,

**"Thou hast rejected the word of Jehovah, and Jehovah hath rejected thee."**

—I Samuel 15: 26.

A VERSE TO LEARN

**"We ought to obey God rather than men."**

—Acts 5: 29.