

Hacking Up Agag

"And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal" (1 Sam. 15:33). Samuel did this after Saul had failed to obey God's command to destroy all Amalekites, including king Agag (1 Sam. 15:3). Samuel had to do the job Saul would not do. So it is today; some men simply will not do what God commands of them and others must step in to finish the job.

Don't get us wrong, we are not saying we must hack men into pieces, just their false doctrines (2 Cor. 10:3-5)! We are to attack and destroy the error of men which corrupts churches and condemns souls (2 Tim. 2:16-18). This is the work of a soldier of the cross (2 Tim. 2:3; 4:2-5).

Hacking up Agag was not a pretty or pleasant matter, neither is dealing with false doctrine and its promoters. It is a nasty job. Yet, we must be willing to do it.

Sometimes the charge is made against men who are "hacking up" false doctrines, "He is always on the attack and in the middle of the battle." This would not seem that way if more men were willing to get "blood on their hands" and do the work that needs to be done.

Are you willing to do what needs to be done? Are your elders doing it? Is your preacher?

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