No Substitutes Accepted

**Reading - 1 Samuel 15:10-23**

The Definition of a “Substitute”: “to put under, put or use in the place of, or instead of; to take the place of; a person or thing put in the place of another; to replace; take the place of something or someone.

# Biblical Examples Of Unsuccessful Substitutes

Cain: ***(Genesis 4:1-8)***

***(Hebrews 11:4) By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.***

Sarai and Abram: ***Genesis 16:1-16 and 21:1-12***

Nadab and Abihu: ***(Leviticus 10:1-2) Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. {2} So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.***

King Saul: ***1 Samuel 15:1-23***

**There is no substitute for God’s commands**

***(Proverbs 15:8) The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight***.

***(Matthew 15:7-9) "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: {8} 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. {9} And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"***

***(John 4:24) "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."***

## Do we have any substitutions today?

***(2 John 1:9-11) Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. {10} If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; {11} for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.***

***(Matthew 16:18)*** ***on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.***

***(Matthew 15:13) "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.***

***(Matthew 7:13-14) "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. {14} "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.***

***John 14:6*** ***"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.***

***(Mark 16:15-16) "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. {16} "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.***

***(Acts 2:38) Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.***

***(Romans 6:3-4) Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? {4} Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.***

***(Colossians 2:12)…buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead***.

Substituted instrumental music for vocal music, playing for singing, ***Ephesians 5:19 & Colossians 3:16.***

Substituted preachers and evangelists with titled, garbed and privileged clergy. Some organized religions have even substituted women for men.

**Matthew 23:5-12; 2 Timothy4:5; 1 Corinthians 14:34; 1 Timothy 2:11-15; 3:2; Titus1:5, 6a.**

***(1 Timothy 2:5) For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,***