1 Samuel 15

Saul’s Rejection As King

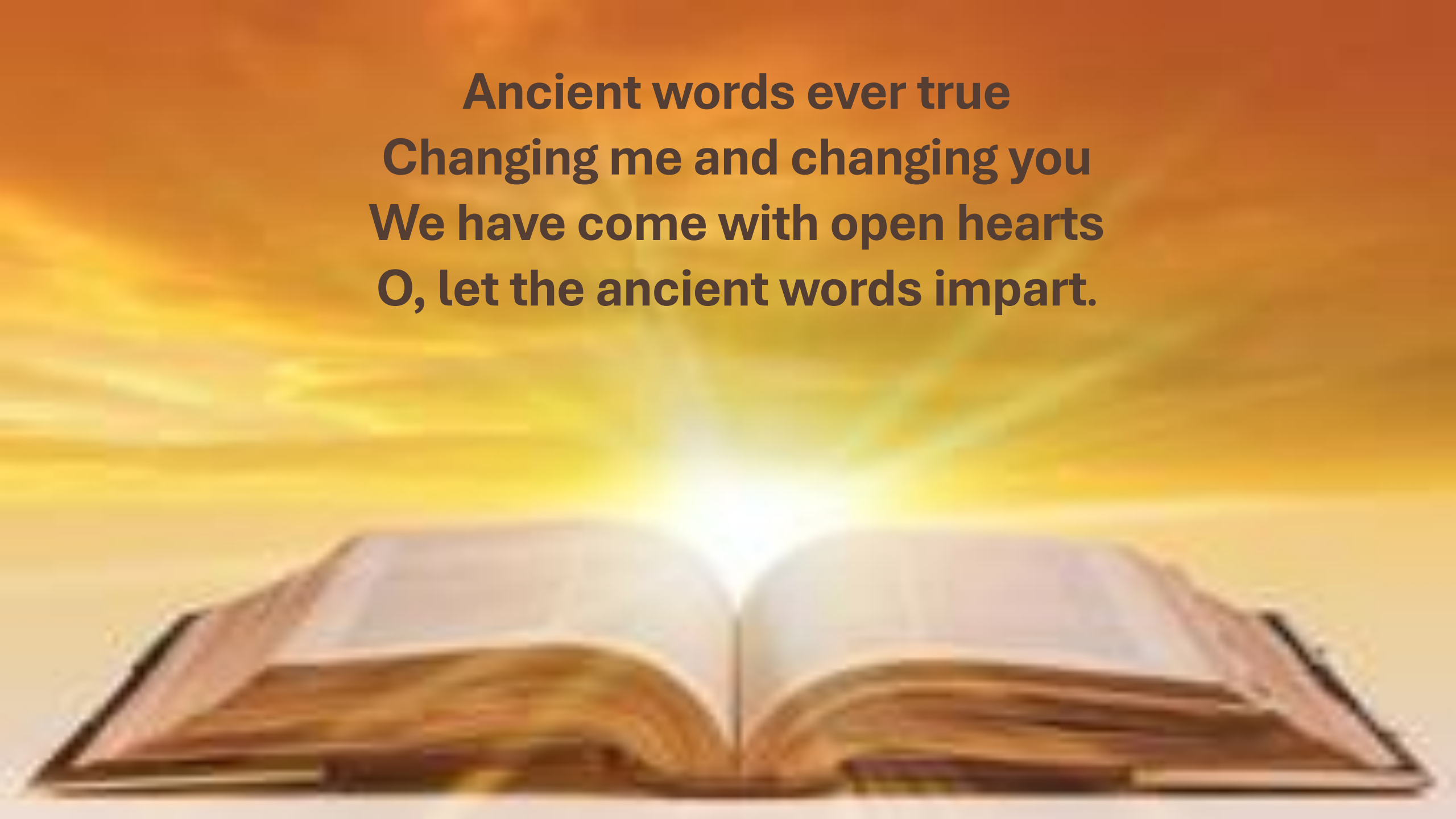
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Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world wherever we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.



Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
O, let the ancient words impart.



Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us with sacrifice
O, heed the faithful words of Christ!

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Repeat



Saul's Assignment:

- Listen to God
- Obey

Scene 1: (vs. 1-9)
God's Command

Attack the Amalekites

Totally destroy everything that belongs to them

Don't spare anyone or anything

Partial obedience is complete disobedience in God’s eyes!

Obedience is:

- FULLY DOING GOD'S WILL
- IN THE RIGHT WAY
- AT THE RIGHT TIME
- WITH THE RIGHT MOTIVE

Scene 2: (vs. 10-12)
God's Grief

God isn't a distant and detached judge.

God was saddened by Saul's disobedience, as a parent is saddened when a child they love turns away.

Although partial obedience can look respectable to others and to ourselves...

the Lord sees
complete disobedience.

Scene 3: (vs. 13-23)
The Confrontation

Saul said,
“I’ve obeyed the Lord!”

Behind him the very animals he was supposed to kill are bleating and lowing!

Self deception!

Reactions when caught in disobedience:

Blame Others	They did it; not me!
Spiritualize It	I did it for a good reason!
Minimize It	It wasn't that bad!
Justify Self; shift focus	But look what I did do!
Lie	

To obey is better than sacrifice!

THE LORD DOESN'T WANT
MY SACRIFICE WITHOUT:

MY HEART,
MY LOVE, &
MY OBEDIENCE.

Obedience is love made visible in choices!

Characteristics of a rebellious mindset:

1. Defies authority to accomplish own desires.

2. Rationalizes and lies to excuse sinful actions.

3. Becomes defensive when confronted with the truth.

4. Resists accountability after committing a wrong.

Scene 4: (vs. 24-35)
The Rejection

Saul said,
"I have sinned…

…but please honor me in front of the elders and the people of Israel!"

NOT the attitude of brokenness over sin!

Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has rejected you as king.

Difference between regret & repentance

REGRET	REPENTANCE
Focus on the consequences	Focus on the broken relationship
“I’m sorry I got caught”	“I’m sorry I did wrong…forgive me”
Get me out of the fallout & embarrassment as quickly as possible!	Change of heart & behavior

A woman after God's own heart:

*Obey's God completely, not selectively.

* Wants God's approval more than the approval of people.

*Doesn't make excuses when shown her disobedience.

*Sincerely repents with her heart and a willingness to change.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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