

Saul is Disqualified

(Based on 1 Samuel 15)

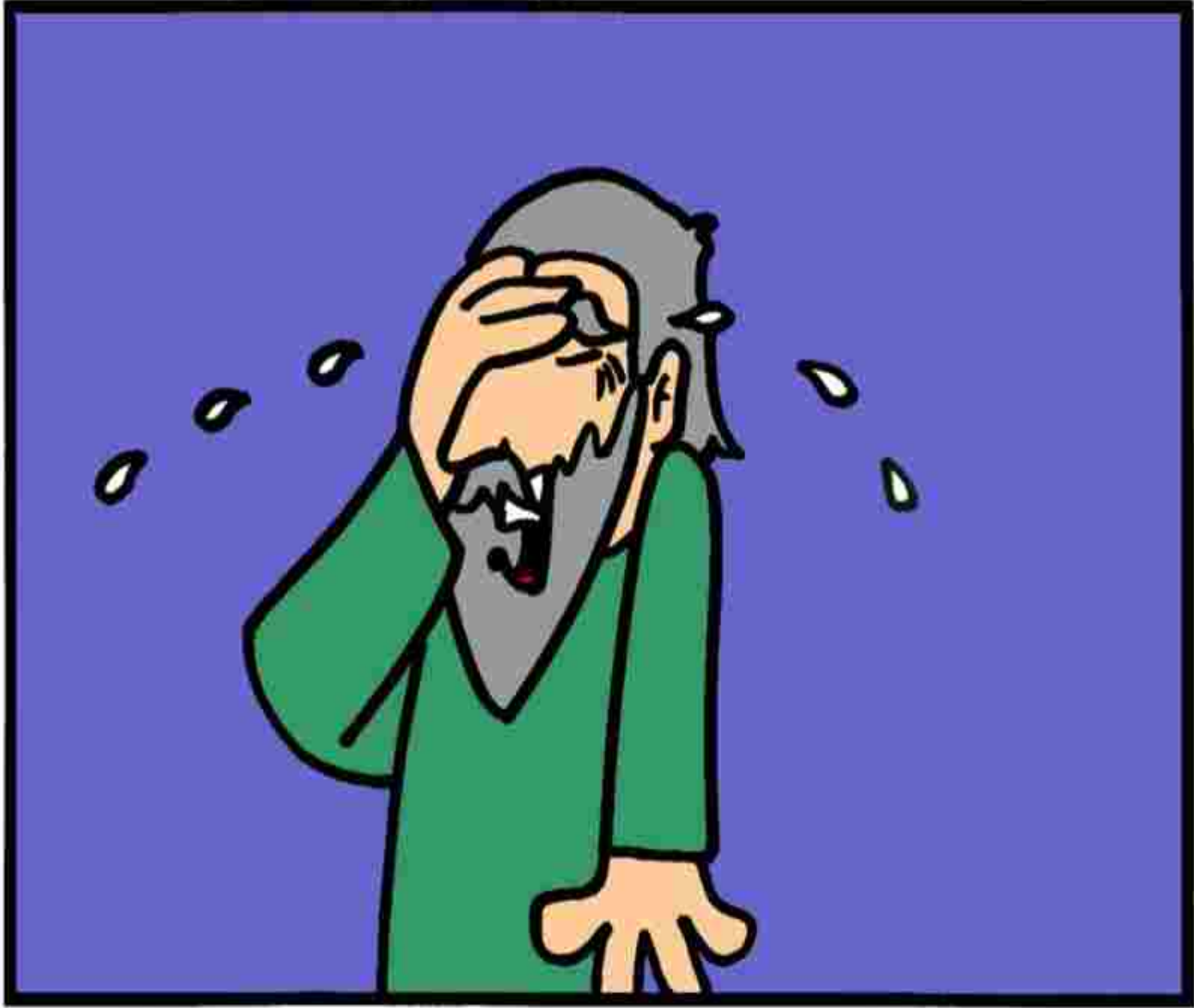
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God remembered how the people of Amalek had attacked the people of Israel when Moses led them in the desert. God commanded King Saul to destroy them and ALL they had.



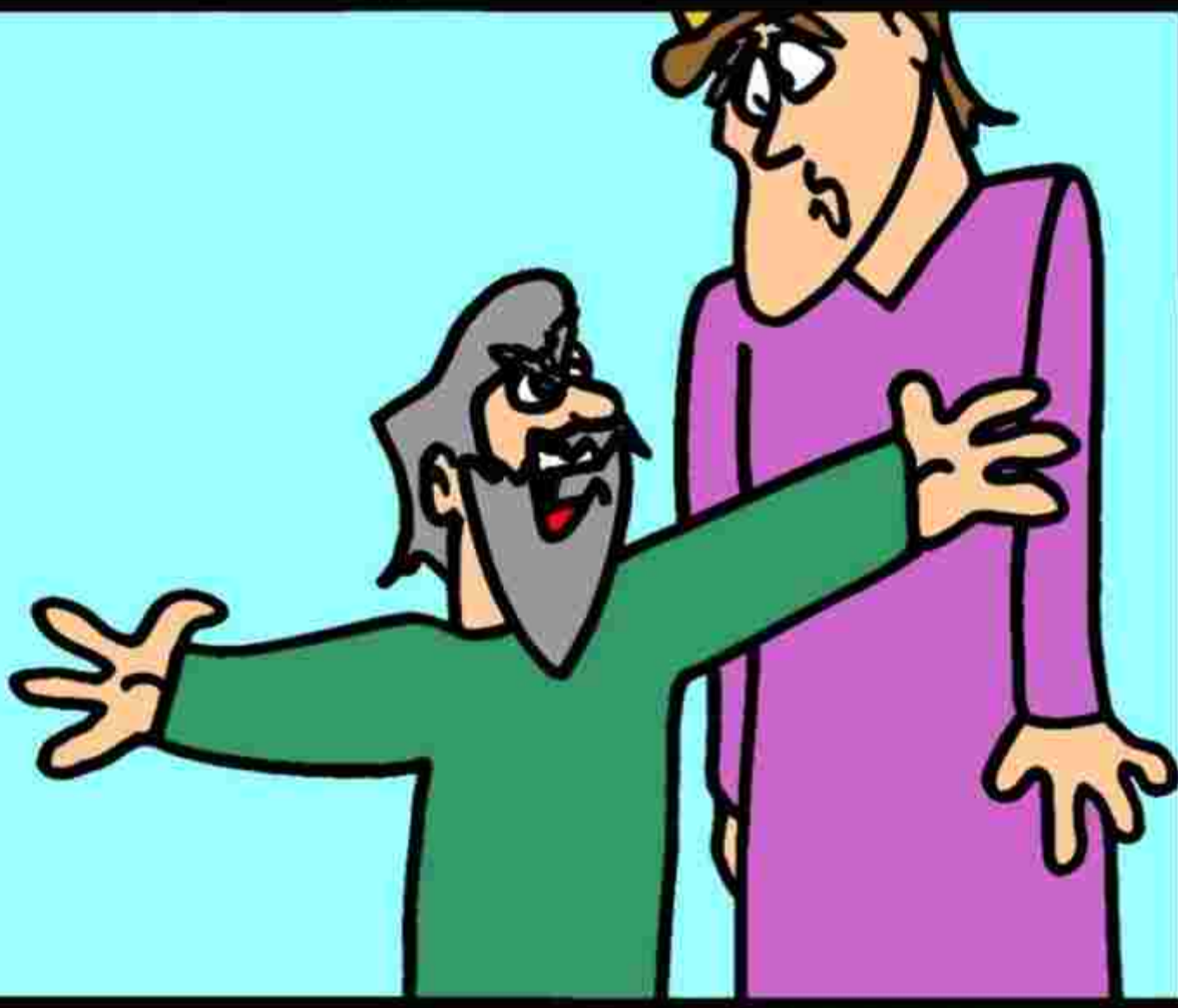
King Saul and his army fought against the Amalekites and killed everyone except their king. They let the king live and they let all the best animals live too. They also kept all the good stuff.



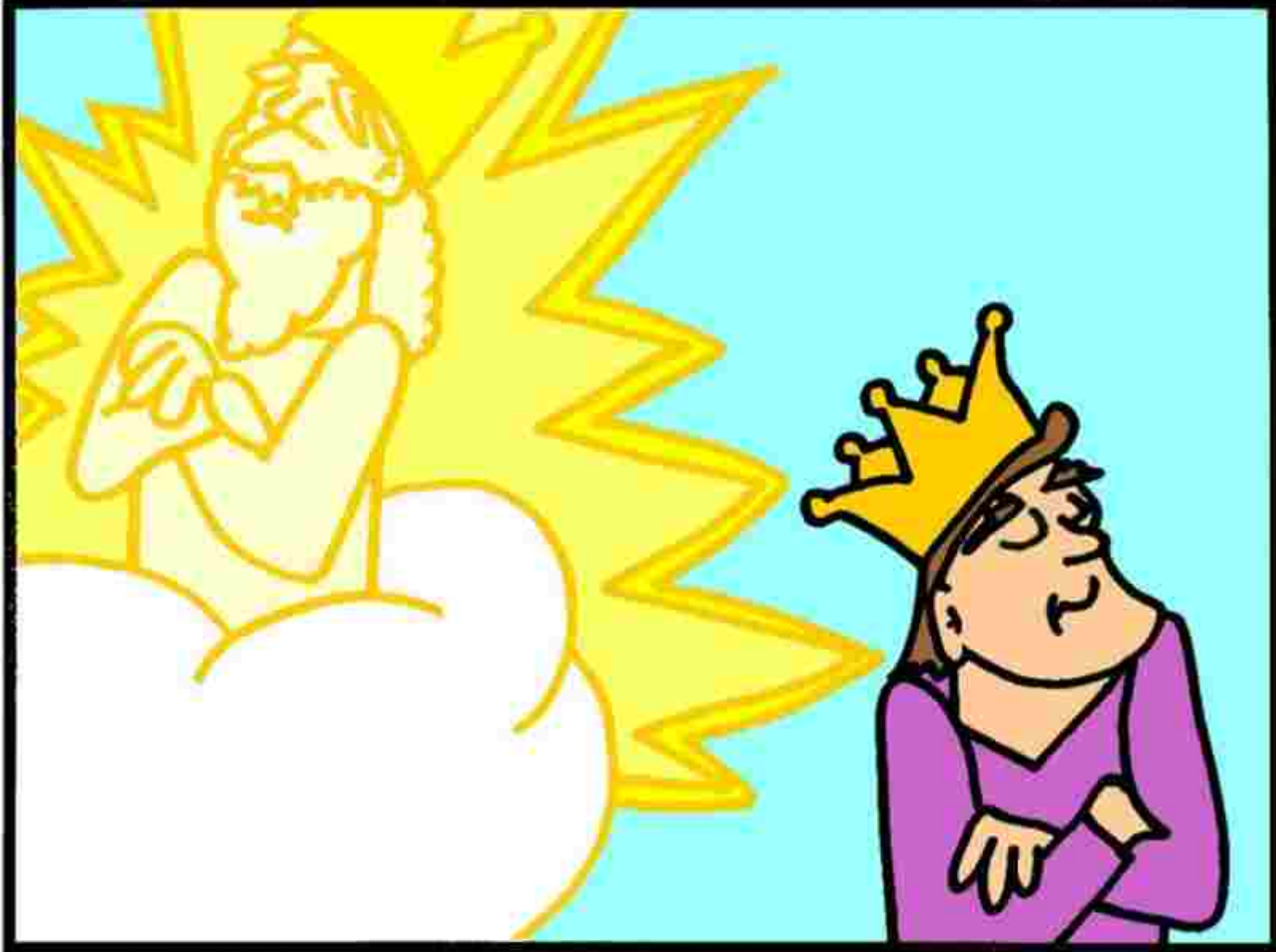
God said to Samuel the prophet, “I am sorry that I made Saul the king. He does not obey me!” This made Samuel very sad and he wept all night.



The next morning Samuel went to meet King Saul. King Saul said, “I did what God commanded.” “Why do I hear sheep and cows?” answered Prophet Samuel. “Oh, we saved those to make sacrifices to the Lord,” answered King Saul.



“This is what God told me,” said Samuel. “Back when you didn’t think you were big and important, then God made you the king. Do you think God is happier when people make sacrifices to him or when they obey him?”



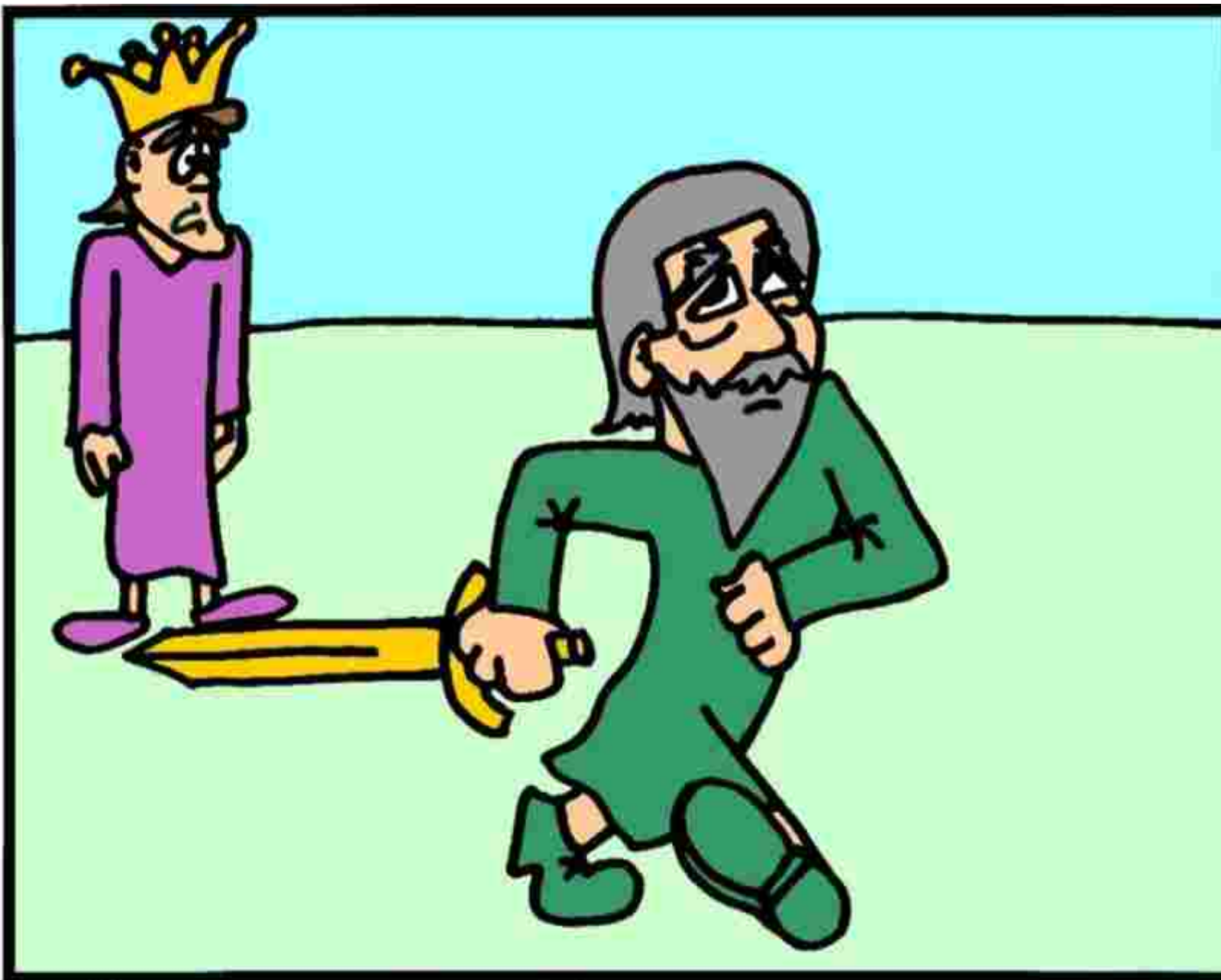
Obedience is better than sacrifices! Rebellion is like witchcraft. You decided you didn't want to do God's command and he has decided he doesn't want you to be the king anymore."



“I did sin! I did disobey God,” said King Saul, “because I was afraid of the people and I did what they wanted to do.” King Saul begged Samuel to go with him and worship God.



Samuel turned to walk away and King Saul grabbed his robe and it ripped. Samuel said to Saul, "Today the Lord has ripped the kingdom of Israel away from you and is giving it to somebody better than you!"



Samuel himself put the evil Amalekite king to death. Then he went to his house. He never saw King Saul again, although Samuel was very sad about him.



Lord, help me to care more about what you think than what people think.