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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

DOES GOD REPENT?

1 SAMUEL 15:23

1 Sam. 15:3, “ ‘Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.’ ”

נָכָה *nākâ*

Hiphel perf

***smite, strike, hit,
beat, stay, kill***

**חָרַם-1 *cherem-1* hofal
imperf 3 masc sing
*to ban, devote,
destroy***

Samuel's Reaction to Saul's Disobedience

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נָחַם (nāḥam) *be sorry, repent, regret, be comforted, comfort*

anthropopathism [Greek *άνθρωπος* (*anthropos*), man; *παθος* (*pathos*), feeling]
Language of accommodation that ascribes to God human passions, emotions, thoughts, and attitudes which He does not actually possess to reveal and explain Himself, divine policy, acts, and decisions to the finite mind of man. Examples include: grief (Gen. 6:6), repentance (Ex. 32:14 KJV), vengeance (Isa. 1:24), hatred (Ps. 5:5), anger (Deut. 29:23), jealousy (Ex. 34:14).

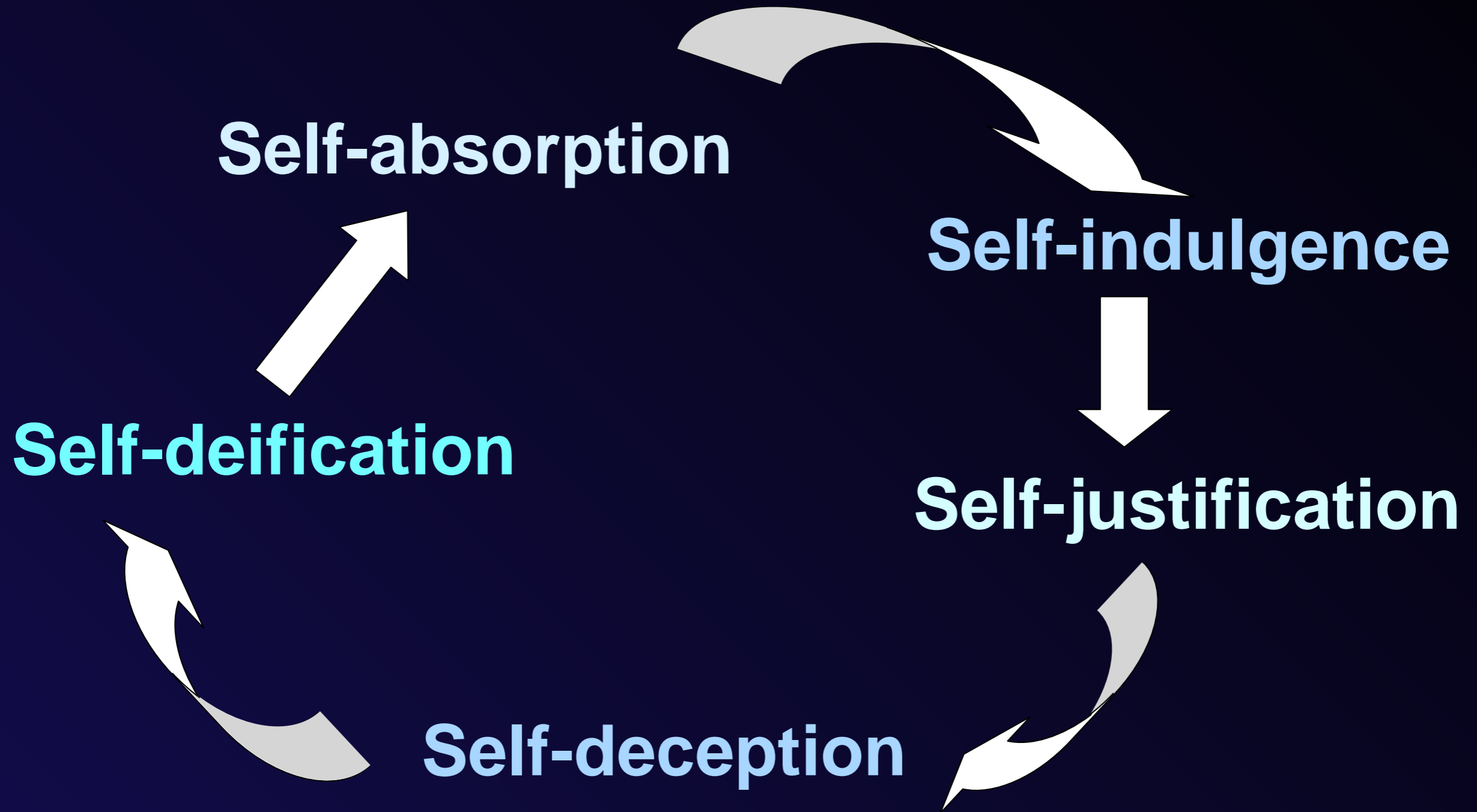
1 Sam. 15:14, “But Samuel said, ‘What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?’ ”

1 Sam. 15:15, “And Saul said, ‘They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed [cherem*].’ ”**

The Arabic *harem* describes the area of a Muslim household set apart for wives, concubines, and female servants. It is a place prohibited to males.

The Arabic *haram*, describes prohibited conduct.

Arrogance Skills



**1 Sam. 15:16, “Then Samuel said to Saul,
‘Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD
said to me last night.’ And he said to him,
‘Speak on.’ ”**

1 Sam. 15:17, “So Samuel said, ‘When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel?’

1 Sam. 15:18, “Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, ‘Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’”

1 Sam. 15:19, “Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?”

שָׁמָע (shāma^c) *hear, listen to, obey*

1 Sam. 15:20, “And Saul said to Samuel, ‘But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

1 Sam. 15:21, “ ‘But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.’ ”

1 Sam. 15:22, “So Samuel said: ‘Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,

**As in obeying the voice of the LORD?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
And to heed than the fat of rams.’ ”**

Hos. 6:6, “For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”

Psa. 51:16, “For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.

Psa. 51:17, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart —These, O God, You will not despise.”

Prov. 21:3, “To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.”

Isa. 1:11, “ ‘To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?’ says the LORD. ‘I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats.

Isa. 1:12, “ ‘When you come to appear before Me, who has required this from your hand, to trample My courts?’

Isa. 1:13, “ ‘Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting.’”

Isa. 1:14, “ ‘Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them.

Isa. 1:15, “ ‘When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.

Isa. 1:16, “ ‘Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil,

Isa. 1:17, “ ‘Learn to do good; Seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.’ ”

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מַרְיָ *merî rebellion*