

STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF KING SAUL

STUDY NUMBER 8

I SAMUEL 28:1-25 & 31:1-13

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- v. 8 So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. "Consult a spirit for me," he said, "and bring up for me the one I name."
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- v.18 Because you did not obey the Lord or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the Lord has done this to you today.
- v.19 The Lord will hand over both Israel and you to the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The Lord will also hand over the army of Israel to the Philistines."
- v.20 Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of Samuel's words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and night.
- v.21 When the woman came to Saul and saw that he was greatly shaken, she said, "Look, your maidservant has obeyed you. I took my life in my hands and did what you told me to do.
- v.22 Now please listen to your servant and let me give you some food so you may eat and have the strength to go on your way."
- v.23 He refused and said, "I will not eat." But his men joined the woman in urging him, and he listened to them. He got up from the ground and sat on the couch.
- v.24 The woman had a fattened calf at the house, which she butchered at once. She took some flour, kneaded it and baked bread without yeast.
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- 1 Announce.
- 2 Announce
- 3 Announce
- 4 Sac.
- 5 Amalekites
- 6 Amalekites
- 7 David & Jon.

Rev. 26:19

INTRODUCTION:

And I ~~also~~ will also break down your pride of power
I will also make your sky like iron and your earth
like bronze. v.26 And your strength shall be spent uselessly

Blaikie points out, "For a considerable time, Saul has been drifting along like a crippled vessel at sea. A melancholy example of a man forsaken of God. But as his decisive encounter with the Philistines drew on, the state of helplessness to which he had been reduced became more apparent than ever. He had sagacity enough to perceive that the expedition which the Philistines were now leading against him, was the most formidable that had ever taken place in his day. It was no ordinary battle that was to be fought. It was one that would decide the fate of the country."

Ridout points out, "We might put at the heading of this Chapter, Samuel's Solemn Words to Saul When He Had Spared the Spoil of Amalek in Disobedience to the Commandment of the Lord. "Rebellion is as the sin witchcraft." The two parts, so widely separated in time and outward character are really one. Well does the old proverb say, 'Consider the end.' Little did Saul think in the day when he failed to drive out Amalek, and that he spared the cattle in disobedience to god's Word, that this would develop into the incantations of one who had a familiar spirit. We do not realize the unity that underlies all evil. And when one link of obedience to God is cut, it means that the soul puts itself into the hands of Satan. Thus it was with our first parents, to disobey God is to listen to Satan." Adam & Eve.

VERSE ONE: "In those days the Philistines gathered their forces to fight against Israel. Achish said to David, "You must understand that you and your men will accompany me in the army."

David had fled to the land of the Philistines from the pursuit of Saul and his desire to kill him. Delitzsch points out, "He had at any rate only taken refuge with the Philistines in the greatest extremity, and what further he had done was only done to save his own life. The Faithful Covenant God helped him therefore, out of this trouble and very soon afterwards put an end to his persecution by the fact that Saul lost his life in the war."

VERSE TWO: "David said, 'Then you will see for yourself what your servant can do.' Achish replied, 'Very well, I will make you my body-guard for life.'"

Jo Pryor
Mark & Donna

Bill & Kathy
Peel

See where
disobedience
leads. Satan
Activity

This reply is really very ambiguous. The words, 'What thy servant will do,' contained no distinct promise of faithful assistance in the war with the Israelites.

VERSE THREE: "Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land."

Delitzsch points out, "The invasion of Israel by the Philistines, which brought David into so difficult a situation, drove King Saul to despair. So that, in utter helplessness, he had recourse to ungodly means of inquiring into the future, which he himself had formerly prohibited and to his horror had to hear the sentence of his own death."

VERSE FOUR: "The Philistines assembled and came and set up camp at Shunem, while Saul gathered all the Israelites and set up camp at Gilboa."

The Philistines are located at Shunem, and Saul and his army are at Gliboa.

VERSE FIVE: "When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart."

X I John 4:18 - There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The man who fears, is not made perfect in love.

X II Timothy 1:7 - God hath ^{not} given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

X Proverbs 29:25 - The fear of man brings a snare, but whoso puts his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

Isaiah the prophet says, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him."

Jehehophat
Hezekiah

Saul's problem was that he was looking at the massive Philistine army, preparing for battle. And he is afraid. He realizes the fact that the obstacles before him are overwhelming.

VERSE SIX: "He inquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets."

Blaikie points out, "Don't you know O Saul, that your iniquities have separated between you and your God? And your sins have hid face from you, that He will not hear. Nothing will have the least effect on Him, til you own your sin. I will go and return unto My place until they acknowledge offence and seek My face. And this is what you will not, cannot do. How infinitely precious would one tear of genuine repentance have been in that dark hour. It would have saved thousands of the Israelites from a bloody death. It would have saved the nation from defeat and humiliation. It

- ① No repentance
- ② "brokenness"

High Cost of Resistance

would have removed the obstacle to fellowship with the Hope of Israel, who would have stood true to His ancient character, the Savior thereof, in time of trouble. But Saul's day of grace was over, and accordingly we find him driven to the most humbling expedient to which a man can stoop, seeking counsel from a quarter against which in his more prosperous days, he had directed his own special energies as a superstitious demoralizing agency."

VERSE SEVEN: "Saul then said to his attendants, 'Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her.' 'There is one in Endor,' they said."

Saul is now turnign all of his directions toward seeking advice from this medium at Endor.

Winter points out, "The Philistines had collected their forces in the plain near Shunem. Saul's army was encamped on the slopes of Mount Gilboa, some two miles away but plainly within sight of the enemy. The very sight of the enemy had thrown Saul into dread terror. He was greatly anxious about the outcome of the battle, and inquired of the Lord what might be the results of the coming conflict. The Lord had left Saul as he had withdrawn His Spirit from Samson during the time of the Judges, and He did not answer Saul neither by dreams nor by Urim nor by prophets. Instead of repenting, and humbling himself before Jehovah, Saul plunged stubbornly forward in an attempt of his own invention to find the verdict of the future. When living prophets gave no answer, he thought that a dead one might be called up, as if a dead one were less dependant upon God than the living. Or that even in opposition to the will of God, he might reply through the arts of a conjuring woman. Truly if he perceived that God was hostile to him, he ought to have been all the more afraid, lest his enmity should be increased by his breach of his laws. But fear and superstition never reason."

VERSE EIGHT: "So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. 'Consult a spirit for me,' he said, 'and bring up for me the one I name.'"

Saul in his stubborn resistance puts on a disguise and goes at night with two of his other men to this woman, and commands her to consult a spirit for him. To bring up the one that he names.

VERSE NINE: "But the woman said to him, 'Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have youset a trap for my life to bring about my death?'"

The medium speaks to remind Saul of his earlier days, when he did not permit this sort of thing to go on. And that the lady had a feeling that a trap is being set to bring about her own death.

A Man out of Fellowship has to look Somewhere Turns to the Satanic

Samson cutting of hair

II Tim. 4:

Judgments in Revelation

My Saul! How you have Compromised

VERSE TEN: "Saul swore to her by the Lord, 'As surely as the Lord lives, you will not be punished for this.'"

Winter points out, "The witch of Endor was afraid that her visitor was laying a snare for her. She was afraid that she would be reported to the king and eventually be killed. She knew that the law said, 'Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live' Exodus 22:18. She knew that God had ordained that there should not be found among the Israelites any that used divination or an observer of times or an enchanter or a witch or a charmer or a consulter with familiar spirits or a wizard or a necromancer Deuteronomy 18:10-11. She had to be cautious in order to practice her illicit profession. When Saul gave her his word that she would not be punished, she was willing to go ahead."

VERSE ELEVEN: "Then the woman asked, 'Whom shall I bring up for you?' Bring up Samuel, he said."

As the woman is convinced that everything is okay, she asks Saul who he wants to speak to, and Saul says bring up Samuel.

VERSE TWELVE: "When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, 'Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!'"

McGee points out, "Notice that this frightened the old witch, she sees supernatural creatures coming out of the ground. If you read the account carefully, you will realize that Saul did not see Samuel, it was the witch, who may never have seen Samuel in life. Who said she saw an old man covered with a mantle, of course they jumped to the conclusion it was Samuel. When they did, he answered as Samuel, because demons can impersonate. Saul has laid himself wide open for Satan, and Satan has moved in."

VERSE THIRTEEN: "The king said to her, 'Don't be afraid. What do you see?' The woman said, 'I see a spirit coming up out of the ground.'"

VERSE FOURTEEN: "'What does he look like?' he asked. 'An old man wearing a robe is coming up,' she said. Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground."

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Saul describes the plight of those who find the events and circumstances of life fighting against them, and a God who seemingly has turned away; because they are unwilling to repent and come in a broken spirit of dependence upon a God who is ready and willing to work.

A little late Saul!

Fear
Ouija Boards
Tarot Cards
Horsescopes
Spirits
Drugs - Smear
Witchcraft
Music
Crystal Balls
Fortune Telling
Satan
Jer. 4: 4

VERSE SIXTEEN: "Samuel said, 'Why do you consult me, now that the Lord has turned away from you and become your enemy?'"

VERSE SEVENTEEN: "'The Lord has done what he predicted through me. The Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your neighbors--to David.'"

McGee points out, "It is interesting to note, that nothing new is added. Saul does not get any new information. Samuel before his death, had already pronounced the death and destruction and the rejection of Saul. Certainly, Saul did not gain any comfort, any direction, or any new information from his excursion into the spirit world. This reminds me of an account related by one of the friends of Job. By the way he introduces it, you would think that he had been given some tremendous revelation. Listen to him; 'Now a thing was secretly brought to me in mine ear received a little thereof, in thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men fear came upon me and trembling. Which made all my bones to shake. Then a spirit passed before my face, the hair of my flesh stood up, it stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof, an image was before my eyes. There was silence, and I heard a voice saying, Shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his Maker? After this man had this tremendous experience, and went through these gyrations what came out of it that was new? Nothing. Shall mortal man be more than more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his Maker? That is a self evident truth. The spirit revealed nothing new."

It is obvious from the account of the witch of Endor, that God was not in it. To begin with, God would not call Samuel up. Saul makes it clear that God was no longer speaking to him. Was Satan able to call up Samuel? That, of course, is the question.

Blaikie points out, "But what was it that really happened? And how did it come about? That the woman was able, even if she really had the aid of evil spirits to bring Samuel into Saul's presence we cannot believe. Nor could she believe it herself. If Samuel really appeared and the narrative assumes that he did, it must have been by a direct miracle. God supernatural clothing his spirit in something like its old form and bringing him back to earth to speak to Saul. In judgment it seemed good to God to let Saul have his desire and to give him a real interview with Samuel. He gave him his request but sent leanness to his soul. So far from having his fears allayed and his burden removed, Saul was made to see from Samuel's communication that there was nothing but ruin before him. And he must have gone back to the painful duty of the morrow staggering under a load heavier than before."

Rudyard Kipling wrote a poem that pretty well describes what happened here:

"The road to Endor is easy to tread for mother or yearning wife.
There it is sure we shall meet our dead as they were even in life.
Earth has not dreamed of the blessing in store for desolate hearts
on the road to Endor."

Samson's
Last Request

Whispers shall comfort us out of the dark, hands that we knew;
 Visions and voices look and hark shall prove that our tale is true;
 And that those who have passed to the further shore may be hailed at a price on the road to Endor.
 O the road to Endor is the oldest road and the craziest road of all;
 Straight it runs to the witch's abode, as it did in the days of Saul.
 And nothing has changed of the sorrow in store for such as go down the road to Endor."

McGee points out "There are those who say that the witch actually brought Samuel from the dead. I say to you that such an explanation is not tenable or consistent with the rest of scripture. We are told in 1 Chronicles 10:13 - 'So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord which he kept not; and also for asking council of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it.' God condemned the thing that Saul did. There are those who use 1 Samuel 28:12 to prove that God caused Samuel to appear. 'And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice and the woman spake to Saul saying, 'Why have you deceived me, for you are Saul.'" I do not hold with this theory. I believe it was an impersonation by a false spirit and not Samuel who appeared. God no longer spoke to Saul. Worse still, Saul no longer spoke to God. The dead cannot communicate with the living. This was satanic from beginning to end."

Ridout expresses the other view, "Evidently God interposes and permits Samuel to reappear to Saul. As to details we are not careful to ask except that there can be no question that the prophet was personally present and manifested himself visibly to the woman who described him to Saul as an old man who he perceived was Samuel. God can break through the barrier which he himself has erected when his purposes of wisdom demand it, and he can for the time send back one who is enjoying the bliss of communion with himself to give a message. But the shock given to the witch shows the exceptional character of this action on the part of God. She had been accustomed to traffic with evil spirits, but a divine messenger arising strikes terror to her soul."

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v.19 (The Lord will) hand over both Israel and you to the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. (The Lord will also hand over the army of Israel to the Philistines.)

God writes the Finale
opens Airt over until Fat lady
sings!

Has the
best word

Now Saul learns the outcome of the battle with the Philistines; and that is that the Lord will give over Israel and Saul both to the Philistines in defeat and that Saul and his sons will be stricken down in battle.

v.20 Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of Samuel's words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and night.

Blaikie points out "He could not have expected that the interview with Samuel would be a pleasant one, but he never imagined that it would announce such awful calamities. Have you not known sometimes the terrible sensation when you have heard there was something wrong with some of your friends, and on going to inquire, discovered that the calamity was infinitely worse than you had ever dreamed of? A momentary paralysis comes over one. You are stunned and made helpless by the tidings. We may even be tempted to think that surely Samuel was too hard on Saul. Might he not have tempered his awful message by some qualifying word of hope and mercy. The answer is: Samuel spoke the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We are all prone to the thought that when evil men get their doom there will surely be something to modify or mitigate its rigor. Samuel's words to Saul indicate no such relaxation. Moral law will vindicate itself as natural law vindicates itself. 'Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.'"

v.21 When the woman came to Saul and saw that he was greatly shaken, she said, "Look, your maidservant has obeyed you. I took my life in my hands and did what you told me to do.

v.22 Now please listen to your servant and let me give you some food so you may eat and have the strength to go on your way.

The woman is concerned about Saul's condition and so she offers to provide food for him so that he will have strength to go on his way.

v.23 He refused and said, "I will not eat." But his men joined the woman in urging him, and he listened to them. He got up from the ground and sat on the couch.

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v.25 Then she set it before Saul and his men, and they ate. That same night they got up and left.

Last Meal

Blaikie points out, "And now Saul retraces his dark and dreary way southward to the heights of Gilboa. We can hardly exaggerate his miserable condition. He had much to think of and he would have needed a clear unclouded mind. We can think of him only as miserably distracted and unable to let his mind settle on anything. It would have needed his utmost resources to arrange for the battle of tomorrow, a battle in which he knew defeat was coming, but which he might endeavor, nevertheless, to make as little disastrous as possible. Moreover, he knew it was to be the last day of his life and troubled thoughts could not but steal in upon him as to what should happen when he stood before God. No doubt too, there were many sad thoughts about his sons who were to be involved in the same fate as himself. Was there no way of saving any of them? The arrangement of his temporal effects, too, would claim attention, for restless and excitable as he had been, it was not likely that his private affairs would be in very good order."

I am sure he felt bitter and painful remorse over the fact of how it might have been if he had been willing to follow the advice of the prophet.

Ridout points out, "We return now to Saul and follow him to the end. He went back from the fatal interview with Samuel at Endor, and with the courage of a desperation which could do nothing less, put himself for the last time at the head of his army. How solemn and awful it was. It was not even a forlorn hope, but a foregone conclusion that disaster should fall upon them. It has been said that Saul did not make the best disposition of his army, and that the Philistines occupy a commanding position from which their assaults upon the Israelites were bound to be successful. Of this we can say but little, that the topography of the land may indicate that Saul had lost all judgment and failed even to make use of the strategy which a man of the world would have seen to be best."

Going into battle knowing you are going to lose!
Fate of Everyone who is fighting Against God!!

31:v. 1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; the Israelites fled before them, and many fell slain on Mount Gilboa.

Right at the beginning of the battle there is victory in sight for the Philistines.

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Three of the boys have already died in the initial thrust of the Philistines.

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All 3 No repentance

Saul joins Samson as another one of the suicides in the Bible, along with Judas Iscariot in the New Testament. Hard-Stubborn-Hearts...

v. 5 When the armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he too fell on his sword and died with him.

v. 6 So Saul and three of his sons and his armorbearer and all his men died together that same day.

Just as the Lord had predicted through Samuel that such was going to be the case, Saul and his three sons die the next day in the conflict at Gilboa with the Philistines.

v. 7 When the Israelites along the valley and those across the Jordan saw that the Israelite army had fled and that Saul and his sons had died, they abandoned their towns and fled. And the Philistines came and occupied them.

v. 8 The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

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When you keep your life, you often lose it by taking it.

Blaikie points out, "The only redeeming incident in all this painful narrative is the spirited enterprise of the men of Jabesh Gilead coming to Beth Shan by night, removing the bodies of Saul and his sons from the wall and burying them with all honor at Jabesh. Beth Shan was a considerable distance from Gilboa where Saul and his sons appear to have fallen. But probably it was the largest city in the neighborhood, and therefore the best adapted to put the remains of the king and the princes to open shame. Jabesh Gilead was somewhere on the other side of the Jordan, distant from Beth Shan several miles. It was highly creditable to its people that after a long interval the remembrance of Saul's first exploit when he relieved them from the cruel threats of the Ammonites was still strong enough to impel them to the gallant deed which secured honorable burial for the bodies of Saul and his sons. We are conscious of a reverential feeling rising in our hearts toward this people as we think of their kindness to the dead, as if the whole human race were one family and a kindness done nearly 3000 years ago were in some sense a kindness to ourselves."

II. OF Gregg Hartness

CONCLUSION:

What are some of the lessons that come out of this particular study?

LESSON #1: There comes a time when God's grace changes to God's justice and judgment.

LESSON #2: Saul was fearful because he never took time to put his eyes upon the Lord.

LESSON #3: The scriptures clearly condemn the arts of witchcraft.

LESSON #4: Saul's final act of rebellion is seen in going to the witch at Endor.

LESSON #5: Saul learns nothing new, apart from the fact that in the battle with the Philistines on the morrow, he is going to die.

Lesson #6 The Absence of repentance is the key to understanding these tragic events.

Lesson #7	You are bound to lose if you are fighting against God!	Humor	Muse
Poor in Spirit	Merciful		
Mourn	Pure in Heart		
Meek	Peacemakers		
Hunger + Thirst	Persecuted.		