

# FIRST SAMUEL

## Lesson 18: Chapter 11, The Devil's Deals

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**The enemy:** Nahash means *Serpent*. This account of Nahash's dealings with Israel serve as a type and a picture of how Satan deals with individuals. Today we will examine the Devil's methods of dealing with men and women with all subtlety, making his suggestions seem as though they are a benefit to the one he's trying to destroy.

### Results of Satan's "Bargains:"

1. They will always cost more than you're willing to pay.
  2. They will always take you farther than you're willing to go.
  3. They will always leave you in worse shape than you were in when he found you.
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### Satan's Methods:

1. He will always make sin convenient for you.
  2. He will always make sin look advantageous for you.
  3. He will never show you the end results of sin. He shows you the pleasures of sowing sin, not the terrible time of reaping what you sowed.
  4. Satan's deals are on his terms and they are non-negotiable.
  5. His deals are to his advantage, not yours.
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### FOUR REASONS WHY PEOPLE WILL ACCEPT A BARGAIN FROM THE DEVIL:

1. **IGNORANCE:** A lack of knowledge or experience concerning the Devil's character and his methods.
    - a. **Eve:** Satan was careful to speak to her alone so that he could take advantage of her inexperience. He convinced her that she was cheated or short-changed and that he had a better deal for her. He convinced her she could be like God.
      - i. He failed to tell her that her actions would result in the fall of mankind, getting kicked out of the garden, and all the terrible things that have happened in the world since that day.
  2. **LOVE OF SELF:** An unwillingness to do without something you want in order to be obedient to God.
    - a. **Adam:** Adam was not deceived like Eve (1 Tim. 2:14). He made his choice because he loved himself more than he loved God. He didn't want to do without Eve.
    - b. **Peter:** counted the costs of following Jesus and wanted to know if it was going to be worth it in the end. (Matt. 19:27-29). Jesus assured him it would be worth it.
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3. **FEAR OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF REJECTING THE DEAL:** The Devil says, “You’ve got to do this TODAY if you want to succeed TOMORROW.”
- a. **Jabesh-gilead:** Nahash threatened them and they feared the consequences of not complying with his demands.
    - i. Do right today and let God take care of tomorrow.
    - ii. Hebrews 2:14-15. The Devil can threaten us all he wants today. We know that our future is secure in Jesus Christ.
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4. **THEY SUPPOSE THAT THE CONSEQUENCES WON’T BE SO SEVERE:** These people observe other people who seem to get away with committing sinful actions and conclude that it’s harmless.
- a. God doesn’t settle His accounts down here on earth. You can’t judge whether an action is right or not based upon what other people are getting away with. They will pay on judgment day (2 Cor. 5:10, Rev. 20:11-12).
  - b. **The rulers of Israel** (Isaiah 28:14-18). They boasted that they had an arrangement with death (Heb. 2:14), hell (Isa. 14:15), and falsehood (John 8:44). They’d made a deal with the Devil.
    - i. Any covenant you have with the Devil will be disannulled by Jesus Christ. You’d better be trusting in Him and allowing Him to build your life step by step.
    - ii. The Devil offers you shortcuts. Those shortcuts will “bite you” (Eccl. 10:8).
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**WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU’RE TEMPTED TO SIN:**

- 1. Cry unto the Lord (1 Samuel 11:4). Ask God to help you resist the devil.
  - 2. When you cry unto God, the Holy Spirit begins to move (1 Samuel 11:6).
  - 3. God will assemble a great host to help you if need be (vss. 7-8, Matthew 26:53, 2 Kings 19:35, 2 Kings 6:16-17).
  - 4. Then you’re ready to make your stand against the Devil (vs. 10).
  - 5. God will give you the victory (vs. 11).
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