

## FIRST SAMUEL

### Lesson 29: Chapter 16, The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, The spirit in music

20 January 2017

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT DEPARTED

Salvation is not the same in the Old Testament and the New Testament. Some churches teach: “*Everyone before Calvary was saved by looking forward to the cross. Everyone after Calvary is saved by looking back to the cross.*” That is a false statement easily refuted by the Bible. Nobody before the cross was looking for the cross. Even Jesus’ disciples were rejected the concept (Mark 8:31-33). The Old Testament prophets wrote about the sufferings of Christ on the cross, but didn’t understand it because it wasn’t for them (1 Pet. 1:10-12).

One of the differences we see between the Old Testament and the New Testament (concerning the way God dealt with sinners) is that the Holy Spirit did not abide with or seal the people of faith.

**1 Samuel 16:14** “**The Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul.**” (note that this incident is inserted into the story out of order so that God can show you the contrast between Saul and David. As the Holy Spirit leaves Saul, David begins to replace him from this point forward under the leadership of the Holy Spirit).

People who are taught the “*looking forward to the cross*” principle will read a verse like this one and fear that they might lose their salvation just like Saul did. This is one of Satan’s deceptive snares.

God had to deal with people differently in the Old Testament because they could not be cleared of their sins in the eyes of God without the sinless blood offering of Jesus Christ, which was still future (See Exodus 34:6). They could be forgiven by God, but their record was not cleared until Jesus Christ shed His blood (See Matthew 1:6). “**For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.**” (Heb. 10:4).

When a **New Testament** believer dies, they go directly to be with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:6-8). To die is gain (Phil. 1:21).

When an **Old Testament** saint died, they didn’t go to hell, but they couldn’t go to heaven with an un-cleared record. This is why you find them waiting in Paradise until Jesus went down and brought them to heaven after clearing their records with His blood (Eph. 4:8-9, Luke 16:22, 23:43). He spoiled the enemy (Col. 2:15) and freed the captives.

---

**Judges 16:20** **Samson** “**wist not** (didn’t know) **that the LORD was departed from him.**” The Holy Spirit came upon Samson “at times” (Judges 13:25), but departed when he sinned.

---

**Psalms 51:11** **David** repented of his sin and begged God; “**Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.**” David knew that was a real possibility. He knew about Samson; he saw it happen to Saul.  
**David** was forgiven by God (**2 Sam. 12:13**), but his record was not cleared (**Matt. 1:6**)

---

**Hebrews 11:39**

New Testament saints are said to have “**some better thing**” than the Old Testament saints. Clearly there is something different about salvation in the New Testament.

---

**John 14:16**

New Testament Saints have been given the Comforter; the Holy Spirit (John 14:26). He abides with us and never leaves us. This is part of the “better thing” that the Old Testament Saints didn’t have.

---

**Matthew 28:19**

The Lord promised the disciples that He would be with them “alway” (continual, unbroken fellowship with the Lord). Old Testament saints would lose that fellowship with God every time they disobeyed Him. When Jesus said, “**It is finished,**” the records of all believers; past, present, and future were cleared forever.

---

**THE SPIRIT IN MUSIC**

**1 Peter 16:15**

It was obvious to Saul’s servants that he was not walking with GOD anymore. You can’t hide your spiritual status; people are going to know. Godly music was prescribed to drive away the evil spirit that troubled Saul.

There is a ***different spirit*** in all the different forms of music (classical, jazz, hip hop, blues, rock, country western, bluegrass, march, Reggae, contemporary Christian, traditional Christian, etc). There is music that was written to compel you to serve god and minister to people. There is music that was written strictly for entertainment. There is godly music and there is worldly music. You should be able to tell the difference. Worldly music doesn’t belong in the Church.

The music you choose to listen to affects your mood, your emotion, your action, your reasoning, and your decision making:

**March music:** to encourage unity, comradery, teamwork, service. \_\_\_\_\_

**“Love” songs:** to encourage fornication. \_\_\_\_\_

**Rock and Roll:** to encourage rebellion, loose morals, liberal thinking. \_\_\_\_\_

**Rap:** to encourage anarchy, foul language, criminal behavior, chaos. \_\_\_\_\_

**Contemporary Christian music:** to bring worldliness into the church. If it moves your feet before it moves your heart, it’s wrong. If it moves your flesh, but doesn’t move your soul toward God, it’s wrong. Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are prescribed for the Church (Eph. 5:15-19). \_\_\_\_\_

**Why do we sing at the start of the church service?**

1. Bible example. David’s spiritual songs and hymns had an effect on Saul; it subdued the evil spirit in him.
  2. Satan is always present in the church, looking for an opportunity to catch away the word that’s being preached and prevent it from being sown in your heart (Matthew 13:18-19).
  3. To subdue the influence of any unclean spirits from the start so we can receive the preaching of God’s word.
  4. The Holy Bible gives us direction and tells us to enter the presence of the Lord with singing (Psalm 100).
-