

FIRST SAMUEL

Lesson 44: Chapter 28: Saul Consults a Woman with a Familiar Spirit

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Satan has worked hard to prepare people to receive his deceptions. He has his soothsayers and wizards and fortune tellers and psychics and witches and gimmicks and devices that he uses to subtly introduce people to the world of unclean spirits. Accordingly, it is vitally important for Christians to not make light of or to downplay the serious dangers of any occult practice or practitioner. This chapter in God's Holy Bible is a warning to all who would seek enlightenment from any source other than the word of God. Be on guard. Don't make yourself susceptible to Satan's power by dabbling in the occult.

Isaiah 8:19-20

God's word is to be your source for information, insight, clarification, and illumination in all spiritual matters.

Saul's troubles began when he **disregarded** and then **disobeyed** God's commands, which were preached by the Prophet Samuel. That resulted in God removing the godly light and guidance from Saul's life so that he didn't know how to rule his kingdom.

Deut. 18:9-14

When a nation becomes involved with occult practices, God drives those people off the land and replaces them with a people who reverence Him and seek to obey His word.

Leviticus 20:27

Involvement with familiar spirits and "magic" and Satanism is a death penalty offense. You've got to rid society of that evil or the deadly infection will surely spread.

Acts 16:16-18

You will find people who speak the truth about the Bible and about Christian matters. They may even claim to believe in Jesus. Be on guard! The devils also believe and tremble (James 2:19). Many times, you'll find these "Christian" impostors putting on a great show to try and lure you in and get your wallet or your soul (if you're not already saved). They are very influential because they have an unclean spirit empowering them. The Devil is an expert at gradually indoctrinating masses of people through TV programs about magical Smurfs and friendly witches and genies. His motive is to break down your defenses against the supernatural.

2 Cor. 11:3-15

Satan is deceitful: he doesn't present himself as the stereotypical devil. His ministers do not look like the conventional scary characters portrayed in the movies (witches, wizards, devils, etc.). He presents himself as a minister of light: a Christian leader who has special insights concerning the Bible.

Deut. 13:1-5

GOD said that a man may prophesy and his prophecy may come to pass. GOD said a man may perform an amazing sign or a wonder to try and prove that he's legitimate. But God also says you're not to listen to that dreamer. You are to continue to love the Lord, follow Him, fear Him, and obey Him. Prove that you serve the true and living God by rejecting the miracle worker who aims to steal God's glory.

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VS. 7

Saul rejected the word of God from heaven when it was delivered by Samuel. Now he's seeking the word of God from one of Satan's ministers.

VSS. 8-9

Saul is disguised when he goes to see the witch. If she really had powers, no disguise would fool her. She's clearly a faker.

VS. 12

Saul asked the witch to bring up Samuel. She didn't bring up Samuel: God did! She was terrified when she saw him.

VS. 13

Notice that Saul didn't see Samuel. He said, "What sawest thou?" In verse 14 he said, "What form is he of?" That's because Samuel told Saul that he'd never see him again (1 Sam. 15:26-28). She answered, "I saw gods ascending out of the earth." (See 1 Cor. 8:4-6, Revelation 9:1-13, and Genesis 6:4 concerning these that are called gods).

See Daniel 2:42-44 for a repeat of Genesis 6:4 in the last days: iron mixed with clay; the sons of God mingling themselves with the seed of men!

VS. 14

Saul despised Samuel when he was alive. Now that he's dead, Saul reverences him. This is still practiced today. We have many dead "heroes" who were hated by many in life.

VS. 15

Samuel completely ignored the "medium" and spoke directly to Saul. She's no medium at all!

VS. 19

Samuel pronounced a death penalty on Saul (see Lev. 20:6, Psalm 73:27).

Saul rejected God's light when it was available to him. Light that is rejected becomes darkness! If you're looking for enlightenment, make sure you get it from the "Light of the world" (John 8:12, 12:46, Acts 26:18) and not from the devil's ministers (Isaiah 5:20, 8:20, John 3:19).