

“SAUL’S SÉANCE”
1 SAM 28
Sunday, June 9th 2019
AM Service
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I. THE SITUATION SAUL FACES 1-4

- a. David is in the land of Philistines
- b. The Philistines are getting ready to attack Israel
- c. David will be rejected by the Philistines in Ch 29 keeping him from warring against Saul and the men of Israel with the Philistines.
- d. Samuel is dead and buried (ch 25:1)
- e. Saul had put the mediums and spiritists out of the land
- f. This was in obedience to the law given by God to the people of Israel through Moses:
 - i. 9 *"When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. 10 "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 "or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12 "For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. 13 "You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. 14 "For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you. Deut 18:9-14 (NKJV)*
 - ii. 31 *'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God. Lev 19:31 (NKJV)*
 - iii. 6 *'And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. 7 'Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. Lev 20:6-7 (NKJV)*
 - iv. 27 *'A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them.' " Lev 20:27 (NKJV)*
- g. War is upon Saul. The armies of Philistia and the armies of Israel face each other once again. Over and over again we see this contest replayed.

II. THE SILENCE SAUL HEARS 5-6

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- a. Saul is afraid. “When Saul saw”, “He was afraid” “His heart trembled greatly”
- b. Saul Prays
- c. Why does God not answer
 - i. Three echoes of Silence
 - 1. Dreams (Joseph, Pharoah, Daniel)
 - 2. Urim (held by the Priests)
 - 3. Prophets
 - ii. *1 Behold, the LORD s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. Isaiah 59:1-2 (NKJV)*
 - iii. **Proverbs 1:20-33**
 - iv. **Romans 1:24,26,28**
 - 1. **God Gave them up or over (3times)**
 - v. Don’t Cross the Line of No Return
 - 1. *Hebrews 12:16 lest there be any fornicator or [f]profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.*
 - 2. *. 21 "And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. 22 "Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds Rev 2:20-22 (NKJV)*

III. THE SEARCH SAUL COMMANDS 7

- a. Saul seeks Spiritual Guidance.
- b. Man will always seek a Spiritual side. There are no Atheists

IV. THE SÉANCE SAUL REQUESTS 8-14

- a. Saul requests a séance
- b. He promises no harm will come to her
- c. He requests Samuel
- d. The medium is shocked by the appearance of Samuel
 - i. There is disagreement about whether this is really Samuel or not

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- ii. I believe that it is
 - 1. The Medium is surprised
 - 2. Samuel speaks the Truth

V. THE SERMON SAUL RECEIVES 15-20

- a. What now?
- b. How can I help you if the Lord has rejected you?
- c. Samuel repeats what God has already told him (rerun)
 - i. Lord has departed from Him
 - ii. Torn the Kingdom out of his hand
 - iii. Given the Kingdom to David
 - iv. Result of disobedience or “rebellion” against the Lord
 - v. Israel will lose the battle tomorrow
 - vi. Saul and his sons will die
- d. Saul is distressed

VI. THE SUPPER SAUL EATS (21-25)

- a. The Last Supper for Saul
- b. Remember the story of the Prodigal Son? This is the dark version of that story.
- c. The fatted calf is killed but Saul is eating in the devil’s house. What a place to have your last supper. Being fed by a witch.
- d. Remember the man
 - i. Saul the man who had it all and lost it