

Going Over to the Dark Side 1 Samuel 28

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The Context:

- David is temporarily out of the country. (1 Samuel 27:1-4)
- Samuel is permanently out of this world. (3)
- The Philistines are about to attack. (1)
- Saul is terribly afraid...again (5)

1. When Saul inquired of the Lord, there was only _____ →

He inquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets. (v.6)

- Saul had all the priests killed. (1 Samuel 22:18-19)

**When we consistently disobey (or ignore) God,
He eventually stops speaking to us.**

2. Saul seeks counsel from a _____. (7)
- It is a forbidden practice. (3)
 - It is detestable to the Lord.
 - God draws a line in the sand for his people.

When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord, and because of these detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the Lord your God. Deut. 18:9-13

3. Saul _____ himself and goes out under cover of darkness. (8)

- **Saul denies his kingship by taking off his kingly garments.**

We are not to operate in darkness.

4. Saul asks for Samuel and he appears. (9-15)

- **The medium is _____.**
- **Samuel is identified by his robe.**
- **Saul asks for Samuel's advice.**

5. Samuel's response to Saul is the same in death as it was in life. (16-20)

- **Saul is finished!**
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6. Saul listens to the witch. (21-24)

- **Saul shares a covenant meal with the kingdom of darkness.**

***On which side of the line are we on?
To whom do we listen?
At whose table will we eat?***

Things to Think About

Have you ever consulted a medium or dabbled with the occult? Why or why not?

God clearly tells the people of Israel to stay away from mediums and spiritists and anyone who engages in witchcraft or sorcery. Deut. 18) Do you believe this applies to us today?

What do you do in the darkness that needs to be brought into the light of day?

Have you experienced the silence of God? What did you do? Do you know why God was silent?

What can you do to practice hearing and recognizing the voice of God?