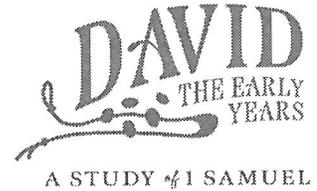


# 1 SAMUEL 28

April 13-14, 2022



1. Read 1 Samuel 28:1-2. As the Philistines prepare to attack Israel, what is Achish's expectation of David?

Why do you think David answers Achish in an evasive way?

2. Read 1 Samuel 28:3-7. Summarize the important facts in these verses.

What is Saul's reaction as he views the Philistine army?

Looking back at what we have already learned about Saul, what are some reasons the Lord is not answering Saul? Read 1 Samuel 13:8-12; 1 Samuel 15:24-26; 1 Samuel 22:17-18.

Describe some ways our disobedience affects our relationship with the Lord.

3. A medium, necromancer, or spiritist is someone who claims the ability to contact the dead and/or deals with evil spirits. According to 1 Samuel 28:3, how has Saul dealt with those involved in these practices in Israel?

How do Saul's actions line up with God's commands for Israel? Read Leviticus 20:6 and Deuteronomy 18:9-11.

4. Saul's fears cause him to personally ignore God's commands. How do times of fear and anxiety affect your ability to walk in obedience to God's commands?

Share ways you can overcome these emotions and walk victoriously in obedience to God's Word.

5. Describe Saul's encounter with the medium at En-dor in 1 Samuel 28:8-10.

Why is the woman afraid?

How do Saul's words of assurance to her reveal his hypocrisy?

6. Read 1 Samuel 28:11-14. What words would you use to describe the medium's reaction when Samuel appears?

What does she discern after encountering Samuel in verse 12?

As the medium describes her vision, what is Saul's response?

7. In 1 Samuel 28:15-19, it is the Lord, not the witch of En-dor, who reveals Samuel to Saul in one last conversation. List some attributes of God's divine character you see from His intervention in this unusual story.

Describe Samuel's initial reaction to Saul.

Summarize the heart of Samuel's message to Saul.

What is Saul's fate and the fate of his family according to Samuel?

8. Read 1 Samuel 28:20-25. Record Saul's dramatic response to Samuel's words.

Describe how the disobedient medium now serves the disobedient king.

Although Saul listens to the medium of En-dor and eats this meal, whose voice has he ignored throughout his kingship?

9. As you think about Saul's kingship, what lessons have you learned?

In what specific ways can you apply these lessons to your life?

10. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

## Desperate

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### Desperate Times

28:1-7

- Encouraged by David's presence, Achish prepares a massive assault against Israel.
- David has placed himself in the desperate position of facing his own people in battle.
- In great fear, Saul gathers Israel but panics at the prospect of fighting the Philistines.
- Because of Saul's refusal to listen to the Lord in the past, the Lord refuses to answer him now.
- In desperate disobedience, Saul secretly seeks out a forbidden medium for help.

*In desperate times, our true relationship with the Lord will be revealed.*

**Be prepared for life's desperate moments!**

**Walk \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord every day, nurturing and growing your relationship with Him.**

### Desperate Measures

28:8-19

- Saul's hypocrisy is evident as he invokes the Lord's name to calm the fears of the medium.
- Only the Lord's intervention allows Samuel to appear before the medium and Saul.
- A description of Samuel's familiar appearance convinces Saul it is truly Samuel.
- Samuel rebukes Saul and reminds him he has turned from the Lord in disobedience.
- Because of his disobedience, Israel will be defeated, and Saul and his sons will die in battle.

*Desperate measures can expose the depth of our disobedience.*

\_\_\_\_\_ and return to the Lord when disobedience is revealed to you.  
**Pursue God's grace and forgiveness, resting in His love.**

### A Desperate End

28:20-25

- Saul collapses in fear and weakness following Samuel's prophecy of his death.
- The medium reminds Saul that she has trusted, obeyed and listened to him.
- Ironically, Saul the disobedient king, obeys the medium and she prepares his final meal.
- Resigned to his fate, Saul returns to face the Philistines in a decisive battle the next day.

*A desperate end is the result of a heart hardened to the voice of the Lord.*

**Open your \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word and commit to listening to His voice.  
Hear and heed God's voice so your life will reflect His glory instead of His discipline.**

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**DEUTERONOMY 18:10-12** “There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you.”

**LEVITICUS 20:27** “A man or a woman who is a medium or a necromancer shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones; their blood shall be upon them.”

**1 SAMUEL 15:22-23** And Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king.”

**JAMES 4:8a** Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

**ROMANS 4:3** For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

**LUKE 16:22-23** “The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.”

**LUKE 16:26** ““And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.””

**1 SAMUEL 15:21** “But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.”

**1 SAMUEL 15:24** Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.”

**PROVERBS 26:11** Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.

**LEVITICUS 20:6** “If a person turns to mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.”

**JOEL 2:12-13** “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

**LUKE 11:28 (NIV)** He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”