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**SERIES: 1 Samuel, Part 2 (Who Are You Most Like – Saul or David?)**

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Have you ever wondered, when you hear about a person committing suicide, if they really understand what happens to them when they die? I think so many people are committing suicide because they want to get rid of the pain and they do not know and they do not understand that death is not the end of it all. This is what we're going to see as we look at Saul and a witch at Endor.

**PART ONE**

We're in for quite a story today as we look at Saul, king Saul, who cannot hear from God. God is not speaking to him through a dream. God is not speaking to him through the Urim, and God is not speaking to him by the prophet. And Saul is afraid. The Philistines are coming against Israel. Saul's heart is trembling. And so he breaks all of his rules and he searches out to find a witch, a medium, that might help him, that might give him an answer.

Let's look at. And the title of this chapter, I wrote "Saul Seeks A Medium and Talks with Samuel." Very very interesting. It says in verse 5: **"When Saul saw the camp of the Philistines, he was afraid and his heart trembled greatly. When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by [the] prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, 'Seek for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go...and inquire of her.' And his servants said to him, 'Behold, there is a woman who is a medium at En-dor.'"** (1 Samuel 28:5-7) Now how his servants know, I don't know, but I know this, that Saul had given the word that all the spiritists and all the mediums were to be removed from the land. And he did that in accord with Deuteronomy chapter 18. So Saul knew that what he was doing was wrong. Deuteronomy chapter 18. You know so many times we do things and we don't know how wrong they are because we don't know truth. We don't know how wrong they are because we live in a land and in a culture where there are no absolutes. We live among a people and a generation where they want to take away the knowledge of God from the lion. They don't want you to talk about God. They don't want you to profess God. They don't want you to study the Bible. You can study anything else but not the Word of God. Listen, it is a royal conspiracy straight from the pit of hell. You have to remember, 1 John 5:19 says this: **"...that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."**(1John 5:19b) And so there are forces of darkness and there are forces of light. I mean so many time we love these tales. We love these allegories. We love the lion, and the witch and the wardrobe, which is a wonderful wonderful series by C.S. Lewis. We love J.R. Tolkien's books and we love his movies. And then we love all sorts of movies about Star Wars and we hear about En-dor in Star Wars. Well, God's got his witch at En-dor. Now she shouldn't be there because according to Deuteronomy, and you might want to write this down, Deuteronomy 18:9-19, there are not supposed to be any witches, any mediums, in the land. This is forbidden by God.

Deuteronomy in chapter 18, in verse 9 to 19. Now remember Deuteronomy is part of the Torah, the first five books of the Bible, that tell them how they are to believe, who God is, and the covenant that God has made and how they are to govern themselves. And so in verse 9 he says, **“When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations.”** So what we’re about to see are detestable things. **“There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or...daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination...,”** and that’s what Saul is about to do, **“...one who practices witchcraft...,”** and he’s about to go to a woman that is practicing witchcraft, **“...or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.”** **(Deuteronomy 18:9-11)** Now, many times in the Hebrew language he says it one way then he says it another way and then he says it another way. Well, Saul has just asked, “Is there any woman in this land, search out this land and see if you can find a woman who’s a medium.” Well, God says you’re not to allow those people and you’re not to go to anyone who is a medium, a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. Have you done that? Have you gone to a séance? Have you gone to someone because you want to contact your loved one? Maybe your loved one committed suicide and you wanna find out why they committed suicide. Or maybe you can’t get over the death of your child or the death of your husband or the death of your wife and you just long to talk to them. And you’ve heard about someone that is able to put you in touch with the dead and because you’re curious and because you’re lonely and because you want to hear a word or you need some guidance from that loved one that is dead, you go and you’re putting yourself in trouble, beloved. You’re putting yourself close to the snare of the enemy. You are about to walk into the trap of the enemy and those iron jaws are going to come down and just pulverize you. He goes on to say, **“...whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord...;”(18:12a)** Now watch this

repeated word, *detestable*. As we study the Bible inductively, one of the things that you know and that you're learning is we are to mark key repeated words because God wants to make a point. So detestable is one of the things that you would mark if you're marking this. You say, "How do I learn more?" Well, go to our website, [preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com), that's [preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com), and you can download our study guide. You can find out about all the materials and the classes that we have all around this nation and all around the world where you are able to go and really study the Bible in-depth. Or go and study at a 40-Minute Bible study where there's no homework, but for 40 minutes you're face-to-face with the Word of God in a small group. It's life changing. If you're looking for small group Bible studies, go online to [preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com) and see what we have. They're revolutionary and they're powerful because they're all centered around the Word of God. Everything that we do, the whole reason for the existence of Precept Ministries International, is the Word of God, to establish people in God's Word so that you know how to live and to teach you how to study it. So he says in verse 12: **"For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord; and because of these detestable things the Lord your God will drive them out before you. You [are to] be blameless before the Lord...."** So, these were not being blameless. Saul was not being blameless. He says, **"For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but...,"** contrast, **"...as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do so."** (Deuteronomy 18:12-14) Those that are in the world, those that belong to the devil, it is natural for them to get involved in all of this supernatural stuff that only ends in death. John 8:44 tells you that the devil is a murderer. He is a liar. He abides not in the truth. And that is because there is no truth in him. He is the father of lies. He is a destroyer. He is a deceiver. And Saul, right now, is going to a medium because God did not answer him. What he should've said is, "God, you're not answering me, and that means there's sin in my life. God, show

me my sin that I might confess my sins, and that you might forgive me, and that you might cleanse me from all unrighteousness.” For this is what he promises to do in 1 John 1:9. **“If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9, KJV)** He gives us a holy bath and that’s what he does so that (*sniff, sniff*) there’s no stench of the world on you. You got the point? Okay. Now, watch what happens. **“Then Saul disguised himself by putting on other clothes, and went....” (1 Samuel 28:8a)** Now he wore a king’s garment normally. **“...He and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night....” (28:8b)** You know it’s so funny. We think we can change our clothes. We think we can go when it’s night. And yet Psalm 139 says, “If we say the darkness will cover me,” God says, “Even the night is light about you.” (Paraphrase, Psalm 139:11-12) There’s no hiding from God. And he said, **“Conjure up for me, please, and bring up for me whom I shall name to you. But the woman said to him, ‘Behold you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off those who are mediums and spiritists from the land. Why are you then laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?’ [And] Saul vowed to her by the Lord....” (28:8c-10a)** He’s saying, “I swear to you by the Lord.” **“...As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing. Then the woman said, ‘Whom shall I bring up for you?’ And he said, ‘Bring up Samuel for me.’ [And] when the woman saw Samuel...,”(28:10b-12a)** ahhhhh! I mean she cried out! Why? She’s not used to getting the real thing. She got the real thing. She cried out when she saw Samuel. She thought, “Ahhh, it is really Samuel! It is really Samuel.” And it says, **“When the woman saw Samuel, she cried...with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, ‘Why have you deceived me? For [you’re] Saul.” (28:12)** “You’re Saul. You have deceived me.” (Paraphrase) She got the real thing. **“[And] the king said to her, ‘Do not be afraid; but what do you see...?’” (28:13a)** “Don’t be afraid. Just tell me what you see.” (Paraphrase) **“And**

the woman said to Saul, **‘I see a divine being coming up out of the earth.’ (28:13b)** “I see a divine being. He’s coming up out of the earth.” (Paraphrase) She’d never seen this before. Now what had happened? She called and she didn’t get an evil spirit. She didn’t get a demonic spirit. She didn’t get a deceiving spirit. Honey, she got the real thing and it absolutely shocked her that she got the real thing. “[And] **he said..., ‘What is his form?’**” (28:14a) Do you know when she saw that, we get our first glimpse of what happens when we die? We’ll talk about it when I come back.

## **PART TWO**

This is quite a story, isn’t it? When we look at Saul going to this witch at En-dor, this medium, and asking her to call up Samuel. And the woman does and she’s shocked. In verse 14: “[She said,] ... **‘I see a diving being coming up out of the earth.’**” (28:13b) Now remember, we’re marking geographical locations. That is a geographical location. Double underline it. “...Coming up out of the earth.” Very significant. Verse 14: “[And] **he said to her, ‘What’s his form?’ And she said, ‘An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped with a robe.’ And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and did homage.**” (28:14) Isn’t that something? He wouldn’t listen to Samuel before, but now he’s going to listen to Samuel. Why? Because he is afraid. Because his heart is trembling. Because the Philistines are coming against the Israelites. Because he knows that he may die in battle. Because he knows that David is going to become king. I mean it is all coming in on him like a flood. “[And] **then Samuel said to Saul, ‘Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up...?’**” And you want to underline that, too. It’s a geographical location. “You have brought me up.” (Paraphrase) **“...And Saul answered, ‘I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines are waging war against me, and God has departed from me and no longer answers me, either through prophets or by dreams; therefore [I’ve] called you, that you may make known to**

me what I should do. [And] Samuel said, ‘Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has departed from you and has become your adversary? The Lord has done accordingly as He spoke through me; for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, to David. As you did not obey the Lord and did not execute His fierce wrath on Amalek, so the Lord has done this thing to you this day. Moreover the Lord will also give over Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines, [and] tomorrow you and your sons will be with me....’ (28:15b-19b) What has he just said? “Saul, you’re gonna die. You’re gonna go into this battle and you’re gonna lose the battle. And tomorrow, you and your sons will be with me.” (Paraphrase) Now that’s a geographical location. Why are you *bringing me up*? So tomorrow, Saul is going to be there with his sons, with Samuel, down there. You say, “I thought Samuel was a believer? I thought he was a prophet of God?” He was. Then what is he doing down there? Well that’s what we want to look at. But I want to look at verse 19 again. He says, “...**Indeed the Lord will give over the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines! Then Saul immediately fell full length upon the ground and was very afraid because of the words of Samuel; also there was no strength in him, for he had [not] eaten food all day and all night. [And] the woman came to Saul and saw that he was terrified, [and she] said to him, ‘Behold, your maidservant has obeyed you, and I have taken my life in my hand[s] and [and] have listened to [all the] words [that] you spoke to me. So now also, please listen to the voice of your maidservant, and let me set a piece of bread before you that you may eat and have strength when you go on your way.’ But he refused and said, ‘I will not eat.’ However his servants together with the woman urged him, and he listened to them. So he arose from the ground and sat on the bed. [And] the woman had a fattened calf in the house, and she quickly slaughtered it; and she took flour, [and she] kneaded it and [she] baked unleavened bread from it.**

[And] **she brought it before Saul...**,” you know unleavened bread means it hasn’t had time to rise. It has no yeast in it. And **“...She brought it before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they arose and went away that night.” (28:19b-25)** What’s going to happen? Exactly what God says, exactly what Samuel said to him: **“...Tomorrow you and your sons will be with me....”** Now, I want us to look at some scriptures. And I want us to see what God is showing us and I want us to start with Genesis chapter 25, verse 8. In Genesis chapter 25, verse 8. We have this statement: **“Abraham breathed his last and died in a ripe old age, an old man and satisfied with life; and he was gathered to his people.”(Genesis 25:8)** **“...He was gathered to his people.”** Well that’s Abraham. When you go to Genesis chapter 49, verse 33, you have the account of the death of Joseph, one of the sons of Jacob. And in 49, verse 33, this is what it says: **“When Jacob [had] finished charging his sons, he drew his feet into the bed...breathed his last, and [then]...,”** it says, **“...And [he] was gathered to his people.”(Genesis 49:33)** When you go to Genesis chapter 50 now, verse 26, then we have the death of Joseph. **“So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years; and he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.”(Genesis 50:26)** All right, so he was embalmed. Is that it? Is death it? Placing you in a coffin? No. He was gathered to his people just like the rest. When you look at Deuteronomy chapter 34 you have the death of Moses. And in verse 5 to 6, this is what we read, it says: **“So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the Word of the Lord. And He buried him...,”** He, God, **“...buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day.”(Deuteronomy 34:5-6)** And yet when you read the book of Jude it is so interesting. Because in the book of Jude it talks about the death and it talks about the body of Moses. Let’s look at it. It talks about Moses and it says in verse 9: **“But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not**



**dare...,” Michael, “...did not dare pronounce...a railing judgment...,”** against the devil, **“...but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’” (Jude v. 9)** You see, there’s the body and there’s the soul. Do you know what happens beyond death’s door? This is your precept for life. You need to know. You need to understand. And you need to share it with others. Because so many people think, listen, death, that’s it. Bury me. Put me in a coffin, Egypt, doesn’t matter where. Burn me. Scatter my ashes out to sea. I’ll live forever in your memory. Listen, you will live forever in one place or the other, either in heaven or in hell. But the difference of where you live depends on what you do with Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He died on the cross to pay for your sins. He was buried because he died. He was raised by God so that God could show the whole world that Jesus had conquered death, that Jesus had paid the price for your sins and my sins and now he stands and he offers you life today. So that you can know that when you’re absent from the body, you’re present with the Lord. It all depends on whether you have the ticket to heaven. And what is the ticket to heaven? It’s a person. It’s believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. And when you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to God through the One who is the Way, who is the Truth, and who is the Life. And you will never die. You will simply go to sleep and wake up in the presence of God. Today is the day of Salvation. Call upon Him, beloved.