



1 Samuel 28

Recap life of David

- Saul was disobedient to God and lost his kingship
- God choose David to be the next king
- David defeated Goliath and became a great soldier and military leader
- Saul was jealous of David and wanted to kill him
- David had to go hide in the wilderness

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- The enemies of Israel are amassing their armies to attack Israel
- They see the chaos that is happening in Israel at this time

ver 3

- Samuel had died, Samuel was a great leader in Israel and Saul's spiritual advisor
- Saul had kicked all the mediums out of the country
- Mediums try to connect with spirits or the dead
- Try to gain power or information
- Ancient practice but still around today

- This is something that God had commanded
- Lev 20:27 - mediums and those who practice witchcraft should be stoned
- Lev 19:31 - says to stay away from mediums
- *this is dangerous stuff that we need to stay away from

ver 8-10

- Saul wants to find a medium to talk to Samuel
- He finds a lady in Endor and goes to see her
- After some convincing, she says that she will call up the spirit of Samuel for him
- *She believed something would happen
- she was going to con him
- she was going to conjure a spirit
- there is actual power in witchcraft
- however, if it's not from God than it must be from the devil
- I believe she thought she was going to conjure a demon

- *This is why God tells us to stay away from this stuff
- it is from Satan and his goal is to destroy us and our world (John 8:44, John 10:10)

ver 12

- Suddenly Samuel appears
- She is stunned and cries out at what she sees
- Whatever she has done and seen before this is nothing like that
- Normally, she wouldn't have actually conjured the dead just a demonic spirit pretending to be the dead person
- *God did something miraculous here in allowing Saul to talk to Samuel

- *We should not expect to or try to talk to the dead
- *There is real demonic power out there and we need to be careful
- *Our God is more power than any force of the devil

Small Group Questions

- 1) Do you know anyone who is involved with Wicca? What are some ways you could talk to this person about Jesus?
- 2) As Christian's what is our defense against the attacks of Satan? (Ephesians 6:10-18) (p. 817)

