



King Saul & the Medium of Endor:

1 Samuel 28-31

Lesson 65 Visuals

- **The Philistines gathered to fight against Israel.**
- **King Achish said David and his men must join him in fighting against Israel.**
- **King Saul grew more and more afraid as he watched the Philistine army gather together to fight against Israel.**
- **When King Saul tried to inquire of the LORD, the LORD would not answer him.**
- **God did not answer King Saul because Saul had turned away from obeying God.**
- **Saul was very afraid of the Philistines so in his desperation for help, he asked for a medium.**
- **A medium is a person who supposedly can make contact with dead people.**



- In Leviticus 19:31, God said, “Do not turn to mediums.”
- King Saul feared God at one time and had forbidden mediums from being in the land.
- King Saul asked the medium of Endor to bring up the spirit of Samuel.
- The medium of Endor was so surprised to actually see Samuel that she screamed.
- Saul told Samuel about the Philistines gathering to attack and how God wouldn’t answer him. Then Saul said, “I have called on you to tell me what to do.”
- Samuel said that Saul and his sons will die the next day.
- Samuel also said that the army of Israel will be defeated by the Philistines.
- Consulting dead Samuel did not help Saul at all. It only made him more afraid.
- Saul wanted God’s help but God helps those who listen to Him and obey Him.



- **Saul knew that going to a medium and consulting the dead was evil in God's sight, but he did it anyway.**
- **Saul did not want to change his sinful ways. He just wanted to change his consequences.**
- **We don't choose our consequences but we do choose whether we obey the Lord or disobey the Lord.**
- **There are always good consequences for obeying the Lord. And there are always bad consequences for disobeying the Lord.**
- **King Achish sent David and his men back home and wouldn't let them fight because the other Philistine commanders didn't trust them. They didn't trust David and his men because they were Israelites and they were fighting Israelites.**



- **When David and his men got home to Ziklag, they found that Ziklag had been burned and their wives, children and livestock had been taken captive.**
- **David's men were so angry that this had happened. They took out their anger on David and wanted to stone him.**
- **When David's men turned on him, David found his strength in the LORD.**
- **When David inquired of the LORD about fighting the Amalekites. God told David to go and then God promised they would have success.**
- **Two hundred of David's men were too exhausted to go fight the Amalekites.**
- **After the Amalekites were defeated, all the wives, children and livestock were rescued.**



- The men who fought with David didn't want to share with the two hundred men who were too exhausted to go. David said they must share because it was the LORD who had given them victory.
- The Philistines fought hard against King Saul and the Israelites. King Saul's three sons including Jonathan died in battle.
- Also, Saul was critically wounded by an arrow. When Saul's armor-bearer refused to kill Saul, Saul fell on his sword and died.
- David had refused to lay a hand on Saul even though Saul kept trying to kill him. God used the Philistines to ultimately punish Saul.