



Lesson 64: The Witch of Endor 1 Samuel 28:1-12

Read Exodus 22:18. What was the penalty for sorcery?

Read Deuteronomy 18:9-14 List the “abominable practices” that the nations the Israelites will encounter practice. (I count 9) Please notice that human sacrifice was considered an abomination just as sorcery was; they are equally heinous in God’s eyes.

Why was God driving out the peoples of these nations?

Read Deuteronomy 18:15-22. God has just told the Israelites who not to listen to. What does He now promise to give them? How will they be able to discern true prophets from false ones?

Read Isaiah 8:19-20. Who should the people inquire of? What words describe how the mediums and necromancers impart the information they receive?

Read 1 Samuel 15:22-23. What does Samuel liken divination to here? What does this tell us about Saul’s choice here, in chapter 28?

Read Psalm 2:10-11. What should the kings of earth be careful to do?

Read Psalm 25:11-15. What will God do for the one who fears Him? What relationship is saved for those who fear the Lord?

Read 1 Samuel 12:13-15. As Samuel talked to the Israelites that day, what did he tell them would have to happen for things to go well for them?

Saul never feared God more than he feared man. He never was in awe of God, having that reverent fear of His holiness. Now we see that things have not gone well for Saul, and he has not sought God. Over and over in Scripture, we are warned to fear God, not man. To follow the statutes of the Lord. To seek Him and Him alone.

We are seeing now the broken, wretched, tormented man that Saul is, and it is as a direct result of Saul’s refusal to seek God and his lack of fear of God. Today, as you spend time with God, ask yourself if you are truly seeking Him. Are you seeking His statutes?

Do you delight in them?

Does the knowledge that you serve a holy, just, righteous and loving God fill you with reverent awe and wonder, or do you just nod in agreement and forget the character of Who you serve?

Know your master. Know your Father. Know the aspects of His character and seek Him minute by minute throughout your days. He desires relationship with you; do you desire relationship with Him?