

## 1 Samuel 28:4-29:11

### Because You Did Not Obey the Voice of the Lord

**Do you speak to God and listen to God?**

**God speaks to us through the Bible and His people**

**We must ask God to forgive us of our sins and ask Jesus to take control of our sins to be saved.**

*Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*Acts 3:19-20 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord*

*Acts 20:21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**What do you worry about? What do you fear? Do you ask God to help OR seek the world to help you?**

**We should not seek any type of power that is not of God. Any power not of God is evil.**

**What has God clearly told you to do or not to do that you are ignoring? Are you willing to obey Him?**

**Vs 4-14 Saul had worry and fear. When you are scared or worried, what do you do?**

**Do you turn to superstition or evil powers? Do you turn to drugs or alcohol or sexual sin? Do you try to buy stuff or numb your mind with social media? Do you ask God to help you?**

**Saul was worried because he thought he would be defeated. He did right by asking God to help him. God did not listen, because Saul had turned away from God and lived for himself.**

**When you are worried, ask God to help you. Trust in God. Wait on God.**

*Matthew 26:41 " Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

*Matthew 6:5-6 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

**2 Corinthians 7:10** *For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.*

**Philippians 4:6-9** *6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*

**Gods people are to reach out to Him for help. We should not call on any other power to help us besides God Himself. Saul knew this and did it anyway.**

**A spiritual medium is a person using evil power to be a medium between the divine and human worlds. Any sorcery is demonic and forbidden by God. We must go to God through faith in Jesus.**

**Leviticus 19:31** *“Do not turn to mediums or necromancers; do not seek them out, and so make yourselves unclean by them: I am the Lord your God.”*

**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.”*

**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.”*

**Deuteronomy 18:9-14** *“When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. 10 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 11 or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, 12 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. 13 You shall be blameless before the Lord your God, 14 for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do this.”*

**Saul swore by God and in the process rebelled against God trying to go around God.**

**In what area of your life are you trying to go around God instead of going to God in faith in Christ, repentance, prayer, and obedience?**

**Saul bowed and paid homage to Samuel but he did not bow and seek the Lord. We must bow humbly and seek the Lord.**

**Vs 15-19** Samuel had told Saul to turn to God and obey God, but Saul sought himself and things of this world. God rejected Saul and did not bless or listen to Saul because Saul did not obey God.

**Where are you putting yourself or things above God so He is not listening to you or blessing you?**

Saul feared losing the kingdom and his sons losing their kingly line. Saul feared for his death by the Philistines. Samuel told Saul he and his sons would die.

**Do you need to give your life to Jesus? Where has God spoken and you refuse to listen? What is God telling you to do or not do? Will you pray and ask Jesus to take control of your life and help you with this? What have you known you need to do, but you resist God? Will you obey God with that now?**

**What has God clearly told you to do or not to do that you are ignoring? Are you willing to obey Him?**