

1 Samuel 27:1 – 28:7

Saul Inquired of the Lord and the Lord Did Not Answer Him

If you are walking with the Lord, and in fellowship with Him, do you think He might use you more?

If you reject God and His leadership, do you think your life will be different?

Do you ask the Lord to help you in the day-to-day decisions and do you seek Him in life decisions?

Are you patient and do you wait for God to give you answers to your questions?

Is it possible to do the right thing because God told you to, but the same action is wrong if you were not commanded by God?

Do you remember Gods promises? He is with you! He is coming back for you!

Vs 1-7 David is establishing himself without Saul and Israel. David is not attacking his own people, but this is becoming more and more difficult. David finds allies, but they do not trust him.

David is relying on his feelings and not seeking God. This could put him in a bad spot.

It is hard to tell from this passage if David was using his own wisdom and judgement, or if he was seeking God. One thing that God always wants for His people is to seek after Him and not put themselves around pagans or pagan practices.

As Christians, we are to be in the world, but not of the world. We worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We need to seek Him for direction and honor Him in everything. We must not seek after worldly wisdom, and we must be careful to not assimilate pagan practices into our day to day living.

Is there any place in your life where you dabble with pagan practices? False religions, crystals, seances, fortune tellers, false gods, idols, magic, fortune telling, wicked sex acts, psychedelics, or anything not of the one true living God.

God is not mentioned in chapter 27 at all! It appears that David is not seeking out God's direction.

Have you gone, or are you going, through a time where you are not seeking God and His direction?

Vs 9-12 It was Davids's practice to kill all of the enemy. The wages of sin is death. Sometimes, God would wipe out His enemies and their wicked and pagan practices. David had done this for years, and God used him as a mighty warrior. It is hard to tell if this act here honored God, because David did not seek after God. David did take the plunder to feed and care for his men.

By killing all of these people, it did keep anyone from getting back to Achish that David was warring and killing.

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David made friends with an enemy, and this was strategic. Achish should have been wiser and understood that God had blessed David, and David would keep being victorious in war against whoever he fought.

Vs 1-7 Achish was probably checking to see where David's loyalty was. He wanted David with him. He wanted David to be a body guard.

Saul was under attack. The Philistines were strong and they were going to take a very prosperous and strategic area.

Saul sought the Lord, and the Lord did no answer. Right after this, Saul's response was to seek out the dead in a seance. This was forbidden by God, and it shows where Saul's heart was.

We must seek God and listen to God for direction. We must not seek our own wisdom or other powers for direction.

1 Timothy 2:1-7 *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man^[a] Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.*

As followers of Christ, we must seek God to lead us and guide us in our everyday life.

We must not reject God and His ways. We are created to live for Him.

When we live for God, He helps us and shows His strength and power to us and others.

If you do not hear from God, you must not make rash and emotional decisions. Wait on Him!

David was told he was going to be the king. David forgets this and runs to a pagan land. We must remember God's promises and trust them even when it is difficult for us.

Deuteronomy 4:29 *But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

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