

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTERS 26-28

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

1 Samuel 26-28

By Way of Review

1 Samuel 24:16-21

So it was, when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. ¹⁷ Then he said to David: "You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil. ¹⁸ And you have shown this day how you have dealt well with me; for when the LORD delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me. ¹⁹ For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him get away safely? Therefore may the LORD reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. ²⁰ And now I know indeed that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. ²¹ Therefore swear now to me by the LORD that you will not cut off my descendants after me, and that you will not destroy my name from my father's house."

Here in These Chapters of 1 Samuel 26 to 28

We see that after Saul's emotional lament in chapter 24, he vows to never pursue David again.

In Reality

David was in fact - truly a loyal ally of Saul's, not because Saul was so godly, but because David saw the will of God artwork behind the scenes.

Saul is Where Every Carnal Man is;
In A Sick-Cycle-Carousel
of Emotional Highs leveled by a Spiritual Embarrassments
One after Another

This was Saul's Life *The Carousel Continues*

In Chapter 26 Saul's Emotional Manipulation

Verse 3

1 Samuel 26:3,5

And Saul encamped in the hill of Hachilah, which is opposite Jeshimon, by the road. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. - - ⁵ So David arose and came to the place where Saul had encamped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army. Now Saul lay within the camp, with the people encamped all around him.

Verse 8-11

1 Samuel 26:8-11

Then Abishai said to David, "God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore, please, let me strike him at once with the spear, right to the earth; and I will not have to strike him a second time!" ⁹ And David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless?" ¹⁰ David said furthermore, "As the LORD lives, the LORD shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. ¹¹ "The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD'S anointed. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head, and let us go."

Emotional Response to Spiritual Embarrassment

Verse 17

1 Samuel 26:17

*Then Saul knew David's voice, and said,
"Is that your voice, my son David?"*

**"The Spirit will Always Out Class the Flesh.
But The Flesh will Always Out Flash the Spirit"**

THE FLESH GETS TOO MUCH ATTENTION IN SPIRITUAL ARENA'S

Verse 25

1 Samuel 26:25

Then Saul said to David, "May you be blessed, my son David! You shall both do great things and also still prevail." So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

**The Flesh Just Recycles Itself
It Dresses It's Self Up**

Matthew 9:16-17

"No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. ¹⁷ "Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

**The Flesh Just Recycles Itself
*And it recycles death***

Romans 6:23

*For the **wages** (that which is earned) of sin is death,
but the **gift** (that which is not earned) of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Sin is Death

Death Looks like is coveting, slander, hatred, pride, cussing, lying

Romans 6:5-7

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin.

In Chapter 27 David's Lapse of Faith Leads to Sin

Steps that Lead to Compromise

Verse 1

1 Samuel 27:1

And David said in his heart, "Now I shall perish someday by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape to the land of the Philistines; and Saul will despair of me, to seek me anymore in any part of Israel. So I shall escape out of his hand."

A Lapse of Faith will Lead to Sin

#1

Just being at it for "so long"

#2

A "sense" of isolation

#3

Getting away from the trouble

#4

Forgetting what God has said

#5

Seeing yourself as common

***David, being in this Condition;
His life is being led by his own decisions and desires.***

He Had Seen Amazing Things

Psalm 148

How to Avoid “Emotional Panic”
which leads to desperation!

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#1

We want to counter that
“just being at it for “so long”
by putting things into perspective

#2

We want to counter that
“sense” of isolation
by fellowshipping with a saint

#3

We want to counter that
“getting away from the trouble” temptation
with “Lord shows me you”

#4

We want to counter that
forgetting what God has said thing
with reflections of previous victories

#5

We want to counter that
“seeing yourself as common”
with our family tree (in the Lord)

In Chapter 28 **Saul’s Desperation Leads to Death**

The Battle Lines are Drawn Once Again

Verse 4-6

1 Samuel 28:4-6

Then the Philistines gathered together, and came and encamped at Shun-im. So Saul gathered all Israel together, and they encamped at Gilboa. ⁵ When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. (physically sickened with fear) ⁶ And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by the prophets.

There will be a Final Battle – *for you, for me someday!*

***But The Question is
Will We Go “Desperate” or We Will Go “in Faith”?***

Saul will go desperately – the flesh, human nature will
always go - *desperate!*

Verse 7-14

1 Samuel 28:7-14

Then Saul said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "In fact, there is a woman who is a medium at En Dor." ⁸ So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes, and he went, and two men with him; and they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Please conduct a seance for me, and bring up for me the one I shall name to you." ⁹ Then the woman said to him, "Look, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the spiritists from the land. Why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?" ¹⁰ And Saul swore to her by the LORD, saying, "As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing." ¹¹ Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me." ¹² When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul!" ¹³ And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What did you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I saw a spirit ascending out of the earth." ¹⁴ So he said to her, "What is his form?" And she said, "An

old man is coming up, and he is covered with a mantle." And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground and bowed down.

In Jesus' Most Favorite Book, Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 18:9-14

"When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. ¹⁰ There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, ¹¹ "or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. ¹² For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. ¹³ You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. ¹⁴ For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.

Exodus 22:18

"You shall not permit a witch to live.

Why?

Because These Powers are Real

Demonic, Satanic Powers Traffic with Them.

And many of them are possessed

My personal experience

We have been given authority over demonic powers – In Jesus Name!

If a man or woman is void of the Holy Spirit;

Then his or her counsel is “worldly” at best

Oprah, Dr. Laura,

Seeking "Guidance" from the World
Seeking "Comfort" from the World
Seeking "Solutions" from the World

Psalm 1:1-6

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. ⁴ The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Paul's Example

Galatians 1:15-18

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. ¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

Psalm 77:2

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; my soul refused to be comforted.

Verse 15-18

1 Samuel 28:15-18a

Now Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" And Saul answered, "I am deeply distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God has departed from me and does not answer me anymore, neither by prophets nor by dreams. Therefore I have called you, that you may reveal to me what I should do."

¹⁶ Then Samuel said: "Why then do you ask me, seeing the LORD has departed from you and has become your enemy? ¹⁷ "And the LORD has done for Himself as He spoke by me. For the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David. ¹⁸ "Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD...

Verse 19-25

1 Samuel 28:19-25

"Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The LORD will also deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines." ²⁰ Then immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, and was dreadfully afraid because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no food all day or all night. ²¹ And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was severely troubled, and said to him, "Look, your maidservant has obeyed your voice, and I have put my life in my hands and heeded the words which you spoke to me. ²² Now therefore, please, heed also the voice of your maidservant, and let me set a piece of bread before you; and eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way." ²³ But he refused and said, "I will not eat." So his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he heeded their voice. Then he arose from the ground and sat on the bed. ²⁴ Now the woman had a fatted calf in the house, and she hastened to kill it. And she took flour and kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread from it. ²⁵ So she brought it before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.