

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF

# 1 SAMUEL

[PART 59]

## THE WITCH, THE KING AND THE OCCULT [PART 2]

*Reading: 1 Samuel 28:7 - 19*

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### Introduction

- It's not how you start that matters - it how you finish that counts.
- King Saul is a classic example of one who started so well but who finished disastrously.
- A faith that fizzles out before the end is evidence of a false faith from the first.
- Saul's fruit of a redeemed life is non-existent.
- His so-called faith was a false faith. It wasn't a saving faith.

### 1 We're Off To See The Witch

- He now proposes an excursion into the realms of the occult. [Vs 7].
- Saul knew this was wicked and had even expelled '**occultists**' from the land.
- He is now sinning again against what he knows to be the truth of God.
- Endor is believed to have been in Philistine territory.
- Saul and 2 '**bodyguards**' set in disguise and under the cover of darkness.
- This was the final nail in Saul's proverbial coffin. [1Chronicles 10:13].
- Saul further sinned by promising her in the name of the Lord no punishment would befall her for her sin.
- Don't bring God into justifying your sins.

## 2 What Actually Happened?

- Occultists would have you believe one is speaking with the deceased in a seance.
- Those recently bereaved are often susceptible to this gross deception.
- In a seance it is an evil spirit impersonating the deceased person.
- **NB.** We CANNOT communicate with or contact the dead.
- At Endor an evil spirit was impersonating the dead Samuel.
- It was NOT the spirit or soul of Samuel appearing.
- The idea that some occultist can bring up a dead Christian or indeed anyone is a monstrous idea.
- There would be no such thing as '*rest in peace*'.
- The real Samuel was dead; his body buried many miles away in Ramah.
- [Vs 13] She brought this spirit up out of the earth.
- I would have thought Samuel's spirit would have been in heaven?
- [Vs 14] "***An old man is coming up.***" Really?
- [Vs 19] The evil spirit indicated Saul would be with him '***tomorrow***'.
- Consider [30:1]. It would be some 3 days before Saul would die.

## 3 Ironing Out A Few Last Wrinkles

- Some suggest this was the real Samuel and God allowed this to happen.
- Would God allow a practice He had declared to be an abomination to occur?
- That would make God a party to sin.
- No! This was an evil spirit impersonating Samuel.
- This business sealed Saul's fate.
- Beware the occult in all its forms.
- "***Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord.***"

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