

BIBLE WOMEN - WITCH OF ENDOR - WICKED SERVANT

1 SAMUEL 28:3-20

The visit with the Witch at Endor represents King Saul's final descent into rebellion to God and, ultimately, judgment.

I. SILENCE AND DESPERATION

- A. Samuel is dead - Buried in Ramah (vs. 3)
 - 1. He was the one who anointed Saul 1 SAM. 10:1
 - 2. He declared the Saul removed 1 SAM. 15:23-28
- B. God would not hear Saul's prayers (ISA. 59:2)
 - 1. Saul had done well to get rid of evil (vs. 3)
 - 2. Necromancy condemned (LEV. 20:27 DEUT 18:10-12)
 - 3. But now he needed direction from God (vs. 5)
 - 4. Why listen now? He hadn't before 1 SAM. 15:3,8
- C. God was silent / Saul did it himself (vs. 6 & 7)

II. SAUL IN DISGUISE

- A. He wanted her to agree before she knew who (vs. 8)
 - 1. She reminded him (unwittingly) of his own law
 - 2. He swore by the Lord/Jesus said (MATT. 5:34-37)
 - 3. A seared conscience (1 TIM. 4:2)
- B. She expected her familiar (demon) but Samuel appeared
 - 1. She realized Saul's deception (vs. 11-12)
 - 2. Saul demands to know what she saw (vs. 13-4)
 - 3. Saul bows (pretending nothing's wrong)

III. SAMUEL IS DISTURBED

- A. God sends this visage
 - 1. SAUL WILL DO ANYTHING BUT REPENT! (vs. 15)
 - 2. Long list that doesn't include God (1 JOHN 1:9)
- B. God reveals through Samuel the state of Saul (vs. 16)
 - 1. Saul is the ENEMY of God (vs. 16)
 - 2. The Kingdom is translated to David (vs. 17)
 - 3. Why? Because of SAUL'S disobedience (vs. 18)
 - 4. And here's what's going to happen (vs. 19)
- C. Saul fell in fear (vs. 20)

IV. SYMBTOMS OF DISOBEDIENCE

- A. The Witch at Endor shows us to LISTEN when we can!
 - 1. Saul had plenty of time when Samuel was alive
 - 2. He waited until too late (JER. 8:20)
- B. Seek Him while He is near (ISA. 55:6)

ISA. 59:2 - "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

LEV. 20:27 - "A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them."

DEUT. 18:10-12 - "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, (11) Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. (12) For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee."

MATT. 5:34-38 - "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: (35) Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. (36) Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. (37) But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."

1 TIM. 4:2 - "Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;"

1 JOHN 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

JER. 8:20 - "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

ISA. 55:6 - "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:"