

Running, Hiding, and Sneaking Around

David fled from Saul to GATH. 1 Sam. 27:1-4

Notice – He said to Himself.
There is nothing better for me to do.
Saul will despair of searching for me.
I will escape from his hand.

God is not part of this discussion.
God is not consulted with his solution.
David is endangering himself!

David was given ZIKLAG 1 Sam. 27:5-7

David lied to the king about his ACTIONS. 1 Sam. 27:8-12

David destroyed the Amalekites as God had commanded.

God's Grace: The end result is that King Achish wants to promote David, but his effort is REJECTED by other Philistine commanders . 1 Sam. 28:1-2; 29:3-5

Bodyguard. literally “keeper of my head.”

In ... “29:4, where the Philistine soldiers express fear that David, the “keeper of my head,” may turn against them and cut off their heads.”

“When we lean on the wisdom of the flesh, we always end up in trouble. It was only the grace of God that kept David from having to slay his own people.”

Saul is WITHOUT: 1 Sam. 28:3-6

Samuel (He is dead)
Mediums (He removed them in obedience to the law!)
Contact with God.

So he goes to a MEDIUM! 1 Sam. 28:7-9

“Endor stood on the north side of the hill of Moreh, north of the Philistine lines. The town was some ten miles north of Saul's camp.”

She BROUGHT UP Samuel 1 Sam. 28:10-14

Me•l is the prophet's mantle, such as Samuel was accustomed to wear when he was alive

“The matter of fact tone Saul uses seems to imply that he and Samuel can return to the early years of Saul's kingdom.... It is as if he is saying: “Please ignore this medium standing here and the illicit way I have contacted you, or your various condemnations of my character in the past, or the way I have recklessly sought to kill David while neglecting the Philistines all these years. Please tell me what to do now.”

“The Hebrews believed that people who died went to a place called Sheol ..., and that the dead had access to information regarding the future. The Law of Moses prohibited consulting fortunetellers and mediums” (see Lev 19:31; 20:6, 27; Deut 18:10–11),

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Who tells Saul that he will DIE the next day because he failed to destroy the Amalekites. 1 Sam. 28:15-19

He announced **(1) political judgment**. By the violence of the coming battle the kingdom would be torn from Saul's hand and given to David.

Then Samuel spoke of **(2) military judgment**...Yahweh would deliver the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.

(3) personal judgment. He and his sons would join Samuel in Sheol on the morrow, i.e., they would die in battle (28:17–19).

The medium feeds Saul and SENDS him on his way.
1 Sam. 28:20-25

What should you do when you want God's DIRECTION?

Commit to asking for His WILL to be done.

Commit to waiting on His ANSWER. – Wait on the Lord.

Commit to doing RIGHT.