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## Where are you going to eat your last supper?

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I had one thought on my mind for several days. Last week, we talked about the nation wanting a king. I believe it was last Wednesday night that we did. How that they go to Samuel, the leaders do, and tell Samuel that they want a king. They want to be like the other nations that are around. They want somebody that is going to go before them and fight their battles for them, and do all these things.

We know that Samuel said, hey, guys it is not going to work. It is not going to work. I read out of the book of Samuel, a whole list of things that Samuel said that when you get your king, that he is going to take away from you; your sons, your daughters, your money, your land, your vineyards, and the list goes on and on. We know that when the whole thing was said and done they said that's okay. We want a king. We want a king that is going to go before us. We want a king that is going to go before us and fight our battles for us. Samuel said, okay but here is what is going to happen. You are going to get him. You are going to call on the Lord. You are going to pray and you are going to get into a mess. God is not going to listen. God is not going to hear you. God wanted to be their king. He wanted to be the one that would lead them and fight their battles.

We know that they decided anyway that they wanted a king. We know that though time and through the things that happens; a fellow by the name of Saul who was the son of Kish. Saul was a big fellow. If you read the story, if you read the Bible, you will find out that when he was in the crowd; he was head and shoulders above everybody else. He was probably a very strong and good looking fellow. A fellow that had a lot of things going for him as far as, health and strength. He was very strong. Probably when he was in a crowd, he was very intimidating. We know that Samuel anoints him king. We know that. Don't we?

I thought as I had read this story over and over again; there is probably not a man in the Bible that had any more opportunities to do right than Saul did and he blew everyone of them. You see, he was anointed. Keep that in mind. If you read the Bible, he was anointed. The Spirit of God was upon him. Amen! He was. He had a God that if he would have just listened to Him; He would have blessed him. He had a man of God there that would have had his back, if he would have just paid any attention to him.

In the beginning he did fine. In the beginning of things, Saul did well. He was humble. He had some self-control, as he began to be king. He did some things. He won some battles. However, it was not very long until Saul got lifted up in himself. He got lifted up in pride. He had won some battles. He had some victories. No doubt, people were praising him and he gets lifted up in pride. He becomes self-willed. He becomes a fellow that thinks that he can do it all and that he doesn't need God's help. He did not

think he needed Samuel's help. As we read the story, we are going to find out something. Things are going to change.

In my own personal life—I have said this many times before—when I first started preaching, I thought I was going to burn the world up. I thought that when I preached the varnish was just going to peel off of the altar. I thought there wasn't going to be nobody like me. Do you know what? God can deal with pride. He did in my life. Do you know what He did? He knocked the props clean out from under me. He can deal with pride. He has a way to get us to humble ourselves but there are some things sometimes that don't get fixed in life. However, Saul had some problems. We are going to read and we are going to talk about some other things here.

1 Samuel 28:24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded *it*, and did bake unleavened bread thereof:

1 Samuel 28:25 And she brought *it* before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

I put on Facebook today, I asked those that read it to ask yourself a question. Where will you be to eat your last supper? Where will you be to eat your last supper?

I promise you, if someone would have asked Saul that question, a few years before, Saul would have never dreamed that Saul would have been eating his last supper where he ate his last supper.

Keep that in mind. We will talk about that in a minute. As I said earlier, Saul began good. He was humble. He had a right spirit about him. God blessed him. God had His hand upon him. He was anointed. It didn't take that we know that he got exalted in himself. We know that when we read chapter 13, there is a battle about to take place. We know that the Philistines were there and they were all around him. We know that the Bible tells us that Saul begins to be afraid. He was waiting on Samuel, and Samuel told him; you go and wait until I get there. If you wait, everything is going to be fine. However, we know that Saul got to feeling impatient. We know that he thought he was a whole lot more important than he was. We know that he did something that was absolutely contrary to what God had said. He was being the king had no right to make an offering, or a sacrifice. While he was waiting on Samuel, he said, hey guys, bring me the burnt offerings and the meat offerings. I will just go ahead and offer them. We know that he did that. We know that got him—that is one of the many mistakes that he made.

When you look in chapter 14, he makes his second mistake. He gives an order. He is going to battle and he gives an order to his men. Don't eat anything. Fast. That was absolutely a stupid order to give me that were going to go out in hand to hand combat who were going to be fighting physically. You are telling your men not to eat anything.

That was an absolute stupid order. We know that it was. We know that again, it was one of his great mistakes. However, the mistake that gets him in trouble is this.

We know that God speaks to Saul, through Samuel and tells him the Amalekites...he tells them that I want you to kill every—when you read chapter 15 of 1 Samuel—he said I want you to kill everyone of them. I want you to kill every man, every woman, every ox, every ass, every child. I want you to kill them all. Everyone of the enemies of these Amalekites, I want you to kill them all. Above all, I want you to kill the king. I want you to Agag the king.

We know they had a battle. We know that Israel has won. We know something they did. We know they did not kill what they were suppose to kill. They did not kill some of the animals. We know they kept them. Above all, we know that Saul did not kill Agag. We know that Samuel comes. Samuel begins to question him. Have you done what God told you. Oh yes, I sure have. I have done what God has told me. I have done what you have asked me and what God has asked me. Samuel says, hey, what do I hear? What about the sheep and the cows. What about the noise of the animals. What about them? I hear them. He said, some of the people kept them to sacrifice. They kept all this stuff. He begins to make excuse. He begins to try to lay his sin off on the people. Samuel says hey man, you blew up. You have blown up. You have not obeyed the voice of God.

Get this. God is going to take the kingdom from you. He is going to take the kingdom from you and He is going to give it to somebody that is going to obey Him, who is going to listen to Him, who is going to love Him. That is what God is going to do. We know that is what happens.

Someone mentioned the other night and talked about the other night about David and Goliath. The people wanted a king to go before them and fight battles but when it got time to fight; Saul was not there anywhere. When you read chapter 17, it will tell you that. David was the one that was doing the fighting. In chapter 16, when you read, it will tell you here that Samuel has anointed David. When you read chapters 18-20; we can read jealousy. Saul was in a rage. He was very jealous of David because of what David and God had blessed him. When you read chapters 21 through 27; you will find out here that Saul is chasing David and he wants to hurt David. He wants to kill David because the hand of God is upon his life.

When we get to chapter 28, something is going to happen. Chapter 28 is a chapter that I am sure Saul never thought would come in life. I don't think he would have ever thought that he would get here in life. When you read chapter 28, Samuel is dead now. He is gone. I think in the whole plan of things, for a while, I probably think as I read the story, and I may be wrong here; but I think Saul is probably glad that Samuel is gone. As I read the story, as I read the Bible; many times, Saul did not want to hear from Samuel. He did not want to be around Samuel because he knew who Samuel was. He knew that Samuel talked to the God of heaven. He knew that Samuel had a

relationship with the God of heaven. As I read the whole story, I don't know that I feel confident that Samuel's passing probably did not bother Saul a whole lot at the time. He was probably glad he was gone. Do you know what? That was also going to change for Saul. Things were going to change.

When you read the first part of chapter 28, it will tell you—get this—it will tell you here when you read down through here in chapter 28, Israel laments over Samuel's death.

1 Samuel 28:3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

The Bible says here they buried him in raiment. The Bible says also that Saul put away the familiar spirits, and the wizards out of the land. What that is saying is the witches that were there. Those that used divination, those people that communicated with satan, with the darkness, the world of darkness. There were people there that communicated with satan.

Listen. There are people today that communicates with satan today. They are there. They are real. They are as real as real can. The Bible says that Saul put them all out, or supposedly. Do you know what we are going to find out? He did not really do that. He should have done that because the Law said that they were to die. If they were witches and wizards, and if they communicated with the dead and so forth; they were to be killed. They were to be put to death. That is what God commanded.

However, here is what is going to take place. Saul is in trouble. There is a battle—the Philistines. When they—Saul looks around and sees them again, when you read on through this chapter, in verse 5.

1 Samuel 28:5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

1 Samuel 28:6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

Saul is praying but God is not answering. Saul is praying and asking God for help, but God is not answering. Do you know why? Because of disobedience. God said, Saul, you do this; do you know what Saul did? He did not do that. He did not listen to the voice of God. He did not do what God asked him to do. Again, he blamed his sin, his rebellion, and disobedience on this people. However, Samuel knew better and God knew better.

I have learned something in life. If we sin, the only thing we can do is own up to it. just say we have sinned and do you know what God will do, if we are honest and sincere? God will forgive us. God will cleanse us. We don't want to live our life in disobedience. We don't want to live our life in rebellion against God. We may end up like Saul, eating

our last supper in a place that we never thought. In a place that he never that he would be eating his last supper.

1 Samuel 28:7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

Even though that Saul should have killed them all, his servants knew exactly where one was at. They knew where a witch was at. They knew where someone was at that communicated with the world of darkness and with sin, and with satan. They knew exactly where she was at. They may have been a lot more familiar with that situation than they needed to be. They did not have to go look. They did not have to go search. Do you know what happens? The Bible says that Saul disguised himself, when you read verse 8.

1 Samuel 28:8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me *him* up, whom I shall name unto thee.

He puts on some different raiment. He took some men with him. He goes to the woman by night. We know that the Bible says here...

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Do you know what he is asking? He goes to a witch. He can't hear anything from God. He would love to talk to Samuel now. The guy he probably despised and wanted nothing to do with for a long time in life. Now he wants to talk to him. God is not talking to him. God is not answering his prayer. Now he wants to talk to Samuel. He disguises himself. He takes a couple of guys with him and he goes to a witch's house. He says, hey, I want you to do something for me. I want you to call up whoever I ask you to call up; I want you to call them up because I want to talk to them.

1 Samuel 28:9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

What she says here, she begins to say...she said that Saul said that everybody that does this and uses familiar spirits and the spirit of divination; they need to be killed. They need to be put to death. Look what Saul does in verse 10.

1 Samuel 28:10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.

This amazes me what he does. Do you see what he does? He makes an oath. He gives her a promise and he is calling the God of heaven as his witness. He made a promise...

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She should have been put to death, but now Saul wants to hear her. Saul wants to talk to her. God is not listening. God is not answering. God is not talking to Saul anymore. Samuel is dead. He has nobody to talk to so he is going to talk to a woman who speaks and communicates with the devil. That is coming way down from being king. That has come way down from being anointed. That has come way down from having the spirit of God upon your life. God blessed you. God answered prayer. God used you... He came way down. Didn't he? That is where disobedience gets us to. That is where it gets me to. That is where it gets you to, if we are disobedient to God. The woman tells us here in verse 11...

1 Samuel 28:11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

I need to talk to Samuel. I'm in a mess. God is not listening. I have nobody to help me. I am scared to death. I need to talk to Samuel. He always told me the truth. No doubt, in his mind; Samuel always gave him the right instruction, but now he has nobody to talk to him. The woman—look at what happens here. Get this.

1 Samuel 28:12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou *art* Saul.

Do you know what happens? This woman did not raise Samuel up. God does. This woman could not raise anybody up. Do you know what? When this witch sees Samuel, that scared her to death. The Bible says here that she cried with a loud voice. There is no doubt in my mind that it absolutely petrified her. She saw something on this day that she had never seen before. Amen! That scared her to death. Rightfully so. Do you know that? Do you know what? She recognizes that he is Saul.

1 Samuel 28:13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

1 Samuel 28:14 And he said unto her, What form *is* he of? And she said, An old man cometh 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 himself.

Do you know what? The witch sees Samuel. Saul does not see Samuel. Do you know what is going to happen here? He recognizes who is here. He falls down on the ground.

1 Samuel 28:15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

Samuel, I don't have anybody else. God is not listening to me anymore. God is not answering my prayer anymore. God is not blessing me anymore. Samuel, I need your help. The Philistines are all around me. They are making war against me. I don't know what to do, Samuel. I need your help.

1 Samuel 28:16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

Get this. "...the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?" Did you get that?

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Do you think disobedience is serious stuff? Disobedience is serious stuff. It is serious in my life and it is serious in your life.

1 Samuel 28:17 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, *even* to David:

1 Samuel 28:18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.

1 Samuel 28:19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

Get that. Tomorrow, Saul you and your sons are going to be in the ground. Tomorrow you are going to die. Tomorrow you are going to die. That is what he is telling him.

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1 Samuel 28:20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

Here is what is going to happen. Samuel tells Saul, you are done. Tomorrow you are going to go to battle and you are going to die and your sons are going to die. Israel is going to be defeated. That is what is going to happen. That is going to happen to you tomorrow. No doubt, when Saul hears that; it knocked the breath out of him. I don't care who you are, if you knew for sure you were dying tomorrow, it would get your attention. Not only that but also, if you knew your children were going to die tomorrow that would add to things.

He hears this message. He is going to die. His sons are going to die. Israel is going to be defeated. Do you know where he is at? He is sitting in the house of a witch. That is where he is at. He is sitting in a house where somebody that shouldn't have been even alive; he is sitting there.

1 Samuel 28:21 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me.

1 Samuel 28:22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way.

This witch says, hey man, you are weak. You need to eat. Saul says no, I'm not going to eat. The two verses I read to you is that she killed a calf, rolled it in some flour, baked some bread. She set it before Saul and his men, and they ate it.

The Bible says they rose up and went away that night. The last supper Saul ate was in the house of a witch. A place that ...Saul, probably a few before this would have never have dreamed, he would have been. Saul probably never thought he would get to the place in life that God would not hear him, that God would not answer his prayer, that God had become his enemy. Saul probably never thought that would ever happen. However, he is eating his last supper in the house of the witch.

1 Samuel 28:23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed.

1 Samuel 28:24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof:

1 Samuel 28:25 And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

Listen. Disobedience in my life and in your life is serious stuff. I can tell you no other thing that is any more serious in my life and in your life is disobedience to God.

Saul had it all. Saul had more chances to do right than anybody in the Bible and yet he failed miserably.

He goes to battle the next day, do you know what he sees? He sees his three sons—one of them didn't get killed. One of them wasn't there. I'm not sure where he was at. Three of his sons die and Saul gets to see that. While he is in battle, when you read chapter 31 here, the Philistines, the archers; the Bible says here they shoot him. They hit him hard. They hit him. He is about to die. Saul knows that the Philistines are going to get him now. They are going to come. They are going to abuse him. They are going to have some fun with him before he dies. He tells one of his arms bearers that is there, kill me. Go ahead and thrust me through with the sword. Don't let these guys abuse me. Don't let them do that. Just go ahead and kill me. He wouldn't do it. The arms bearer wouldn't do it.

Do you know what the Bible says that Saul did? He killed himself. He committed suicide.

Quiet. Isn't it? Do you know why it is quiet? Because that is a horrible ending to a life that started so good, with so much potential, with so much good that could have been done. He ended up killing himself, committing suicide.

Listen. Disobedience is a horrible thing. It will take us down a path that we never thought we would go. It will take us to places in life that we never thought we would get. It will take us to places where God doesn't hear. It will take us to places in life that those that are trying to help us; we think they are our enemies. It will take us to places in life that we sit with people that we should not be sitting with. We may eat our last supper in a place where we should not be.

Listen. God knows everything about me. He knows everything about every one of us tonight. There is nothing in our hearts that God does not know. There is nothing that we have hid from God.

I may hide things from Deb. She may hide things from me. You may hide things from your wife, your children, your grandchildren, your co-workers.

I used to have a fellow—actually he was my boss. He went to church way down the road. I'm not going to tell you where he went to church at. However, he was a very religious guy, but he drank like a fish. He came to work and drank and drank. We would gargle all kinds of things before he went home. He would splash all kinds stuff on him. He did not want his wife to know that he drank.

You know what? God knew all about it.

Here is the thing tonight. We are not fooling God, not one bit. If we have sinned, let us own it. If we have sinned, it belongs to us, not somebody else. Don't be like Saul and blame it on somebody else. Don't blame our lack of obedience to God on somebody

else. It is not somebody else's problem. It is your problem. It is my problem. We need to own it.

If God is speaking tonight, if God is calling tonight and you need to pray; wherever you are at...find you a place to pray. If you sin, ask God to forgive you. Ask God to cleanse you. That is all He wants to hear.

That is all Saul would have had to have done. That is all he would have had to have done. Simply ask God to forgive him and cleanse him and go back to living a life of obedience and things would have been fine.

Don't live all your days in disobedience. Don't live all your days that God is not listening you, and God is not answering your prayer. Don't live all your time like that. One of these days you are going to be eating your last supper. One of these days, you are going to eat your last supper. Where are you going to eat it at?

Come and pray—