Was that Samuel’s Spirit?
I Samuel 28:3-25

Question: In I Samuel 28:11-19 did the medium really encounter the spirit of Samuel or a familiar spirit? Did Saul end up in heaven or hell?

PROPOSITION: The spirit world around us is real, God warns us not to try to communicate with it except going directly to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

I. Our situations in life become tougher when we compromise God’s commands

A. Saul had chosen his own way over God’s clear commands I Samuel 13, 15
B. Saul’s main positive spiritual influence has died I Samuel 28:3a
C. Saul earlier obedience I Samuel 28:3b
D. Saul faces an overwhelming situation I Samuel 28:4-5
E. Saul, frustrated with God’s ‘non-answer”, disobeys yet again I Samuel 28:6-10

II. Can we communicate with the dead?

A. God tells us not to try Deuteronomy 18:10-11
   (Leviticus 19:31, 20:6, 20:27; Deuteronomy 18:10-12; Isaiah 8:19; I Samuel 15:23)
B. Medium at Endor was shocked I Samuel 28:12
C. There was something different about this spirit I Samuel 28:13-14
D. There is no new information I Samuel 28:15-19
E. Result is NEVER good I Samuel 28:19-25

III. Reminders about the real spiritual world around us

A. satan & the demonic seek to deceive, intimidate, destroy or get us off-track
B. Angels are ministering spirits helping us
C. We are to ONLY communicate to God the Father through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit
D. God alone is the one who decides who goes to heaven or hell

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