
A Study In 1 Samuel

“Silence From God”

1 Samuel 28 & 31

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Introduction: We have reached the end of our study in 1 Samuel. We actually started looking at these final chapters last week. There we focused on David.

1. Today we focus on King Saul.
2. He was in a difficult situation.
 - The Philistines were preparing for war with Israel.
 - God was silent.
3. Under stress, King Saul once again made a bad decision.
4. At this point in the narrative his fate was sealed.

I. Saul Seeks The Demonic

- A. His Purge
- B. His Predicament
- C. His Plan
- D. God’s Response

II. Saul’s Death

- A. Wounded

- B. Suicide
- C. Humiliation

Conclusion: This is a sad reality for God’s people.

1. Saul’s reign had started with optimism but had ended tragically.
2. In this narrative we see why and how this came to be.
3. We cannot change the past, but we can learn from it.
4. Long before God left Saul, Saul had left God.
5. It wasn’t drastic or extreme, instead it was subtle and incremental.
6. It cost Saul the kingdom.
7. God does not expect us to be perfect, He does expect us to make progress.
8. Each step forward gets us closer to life to its very full.