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Prayer

Father of all goodness, We thank you for all the great things you have done in our lives, as we go into your glorious word tonight, may heaven remember us this day, may we all in this great ministry continue to expand your kingdom on earth and make heaven on the last day. For in Jesus Mighty name we have prayed. Amen!.

Study

I'm delighted in my spirit to be here tonight brethren, Psalm 35:9 **And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord : it shall rejoice in his salvation.** Infact, I just wish we just praise God tonight, because truly His Spirit is in our midst, the Holy Spirit is delighted in us, I don't know why I'm writing this, but it's the Holy Ghost that is impressing it in my spirit to say this, wherever you are just worship God. You can send in voice note here as you worship Him. He is here, I feel it and i know it In Jesus name we have worshipped Amen

Let's start as we listen to what the Lord has for us tonight, it might not be a long one as usual but I trust the Holy Spirit to impart our lives tonight There is this hunger kai

Can someone help us with verses 1-8?

1 Samuel 28:1-8

[1]And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.

[2]And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

[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.

[4]And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

[5]And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

[6]And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams,

nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

[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.

[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.

Let's start from verse 3

1 Samuel 28:3 KJV

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.

I believe that many of us know the story of King Saul., from the above verse we can see that during the time of Samuel, Saul put out all those who had familiar spirits, this might have been through the advice of Samuel, If we study the life of Saul closely we would see that he was not always on the side of God, he sometimes would obey God and sometimes disobey him, he does things the way he feels is right. One of the major cause of his downfall even as a king over Israel was that he was more conscious of what people kept on saying about him than what God is saying about him, this time around he did the right thing by throwing out all those who practiced sorcery and all kinds of magic from Israel. This points to us that Samuel has been a guide to him in a kind of way, but now he is dead, even though he did not use to follow all the advice Samuel gave but this time around he does not have anybody to ask questions so he is now left with himself and God.

Now the first verse tells us that the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight against Israel, and Saul was the king so we are made to understand that Saul also gathered his army and when he saw the philistines he was so afraid and his heart trembled. If you look at this carefully we would see that it was because the heart of Saul was not right with God that was why he was so afraid of the enemies, he was not in the right standing with God and God left him. It is a tragic thing for God to leave a man, the most dangerous thing was that Saul inquired from the Lord and the Lord did not answer him, This tells us that when we position ourselves or our lives in a way that constantly displeases God, he can come to a point of silence in our lives, So if you ask me if there was any man that called on God and He did not answer him, yes, Saul did. 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.**

What usually bring about fear in the lives of people is mostly disobedience, If someone is doing the right thing then why should he be afraid? if someone is on the right path

and his hearing directly from God then why should such a person tremble in front of the enemies? David fought many battles and never lost one because he was a man that always stood by God. Before David would go to any war he would go and ask God "should I advance"? Then God will either say go or don't go! and at times God will give him a particular way through which he can launch his attack on the enemies, this was a man who understood the principle of obedience. Saul did not love God the way David did, there was no kind of perfect love in him for God, and the Bible says that perfect love casteth out fear but Saul was living in fear. May you not be afraid of your enemies in Jesus name. Amen! 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.**

In this verse we can see that the same Saul who sent out all those who had familiar spirits away from the Land of Israel was the same one that then enquired from his servants where he could locate a woman who has familiar spirits. When God stopped speaking, he looked for another option. For him to have enquired from God and God to have said nothing then probably he asked as if he was not asking because he already had another way through which he wanted to fulfill his plans, for it was not that any of his servants suggested it to him but he himself brought the suggestion up to God after a medium, that is, he had already thought within himself that "if I call God and God does not answer then I will look for another alternative." So his servants told him about the witch at endor. Just like some of us, there are times we ask things from God but we already have an alternative in case God does not do it, there are many who are asking God for power, but in their hearts they've already devised another way on how to get that power from another source and since God is the One that searches the heart of men he has seen that their hearts are not right with him therefore He decides to keep silent.

What are you asking from God? is it about your academics, your finance, your marriage, your ministry? and you think God is not answering and you have started looking for another way maybe it is to go into examination malpractice or change digits at your workplace or to even file a divorce, I would like you to use the case of Saul as an example tonight ;God rejected him! Don't let God reject you too.

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.**

With the statement above one could see that Saul's matter has gone beyond normal, he has really backsliden to the point that repentance was not even in his own dictionary anymore, he knew that what he wanted to do is wrong yet he decided to do it, he knew how shameful it would be for him to be caught in the act so he disguised and put on other clothes, It is part of the ways of kings to put on Royal apparels/robes those from the royal family most especially, a king and queen and their immediate children are always distinguished by what they wear because they do not dress like mere men.

This was the clothes Saul put off to wear another clothes which is ordinary in order not to be noticed by people, The truth of the matter is this, we have people like Saul today, who are always putting off their royal robes to disguise to sin against God, they know that what they are about to do is a sin yet they do it secretly, things like these are called wisdom according to the knowledge of the world. You sneak into the room of a sister/brother when it is dark so that people will not see you and before day break you have quickly gone back into your own room! You disguised!.

You used face cap to cover your face and followed those ungodly friends of yours to the beer parlor to drink and smoke, thinking that nobody saw you, you disguised! What about you who went to an herbalist shrine hiding so that you would not be seen because you are one of the leaders of the church, you knew you were kicking against God's commandments yet you decided to do it, You are disguising!. Man of God in suit yet under your suits are charms and different kinds of concoctions in your secrets chamber, You're disguising!. You went to the marine kingdom to get power and a good voice to sing gospel music and preach you have just disguised because nobody truly knows who you are, but God saw everything you did just the way he saw Saul. All those who do these things has taken off their royal apparels to wear that of a common man. As children of the living God we have been made kings and priests unto God. Revelation 1:6 **And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.** That is why we must be careful not to put off our Kingly robes which is our garment of righteousness and the only thing that can pull this from our body is sin, you must check your decisions carefully if you have not started becoming a mere man just because of five minutes pleasure.

1 Corinthians 3:3 **For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, AND WALK AS MEN?** Saul thought he was wise but at the end he saw that he was actually being foolish. As kings we are to reign even in the earth to come. Revelation 5:10 **And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.** But how shall we reign when we have downgraded ourselves to the point of going into willful sin. Saul was the same person who sent all the mediums and spiritists out of the town now he is going back to his own vomit, this tells us that it is possible to see something as wrong before but now begin to see them as not too bad after all.

Do you remember those times you do condemn barbing of certain hairstyles and preach against it, but now how do you see it? You now see them as not too bad after all, you remember those times as a lady you condemn putting on of trousers for ladies but now you see nothing wrong in it even you yourself you now put them on because you say the world is changing, like Saul, are you not disguising already? So check yourself tonight, look back at all you had one time said are ungodly at the time you first met Christ and correct yourself. Why you have started engaging in them now is because you are going back to your vomits. Man of God, how many things did you preach against as

wrong years ago but are now looking normal before your eyes, Has the word of God not upgraded in your heart from version 1.0 to version 8.1 all in the name of modernization? Don't forget that the world is getting worse day by day and if one is not careful you will begin to see the things that are abnormal to be normal which is already happening to many Christians these days. Just like Thomas Paine once said *"a long period of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it an impression of being right"*. but be rest assured that God does not change and will never accommodate lies.

When we find ourselves in situations that we think God cannot solve, the devil then comes to us to say all kinds of discouraging things and this is one of the ways he uses to rob us off our royal garments. Saul could not also go to the woman by day, so he went by night. Those who do evil cannot do it in the light but in darkness, Although ,they are getting to do it in broad daylight these days, but not yet popular. As a child of God the moment you observe that what you are about to do cannot be boldly said in the midst of your fellow brethren then do away with it,those things you do in darkness you know them those are still the same things that has robbed you of your royal garments. And there is nothing done in darkness that would not be revealed at the end so please stop disguising ,be who God wants you to be and live a pure life in genuine holiness and righteousness. This is where we would stop for tonight, thank you soo much for your time.

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