

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Thirteen: 1 Samuel 28–30

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1. What events, based on chapter 28, prompted Saul to seek a medium?
2. Why do you think Saul sought a medium when, in verse 3, it says he himself had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land?
3. a) What does God say in Scripture regarding mediums, witchcraft, etc., based on each of the following passages:
 - Exodus 22:18
 - Leviticus 19:31
 - Leviticus 20:6
 - Leviticus 20:27
 - Deuteronomy 18:9–11
 - 2 Kings 17:17
 - Galatians 5:19–21
- b) What are modern day forms of this pagan practice?
4. Whose spirit was brought to Saul in 28:11–15? Give all the details of Samuel's message to Saul in 28:16–19.
5. a) When have you, in your life, become distressed when God is silent to you?
 - b) How do you find help when you can't hear God?
6. a) Give reasons why God sometimes is silent to prayer. Verify your answers with Scripture.
 - b) According to Psalm 66:18, what is one reason?
 - c) What does 1 John 1:8–9 say regarding sin?

- d) Is there any sin hindering your relationship with God?
7. Do you think, in chapter 29, Achish is foolish or wise in allowing David to fight alongside the Philistines? Back up your answer with proof.
8. a) What did David find when he returned to Ziklag in chapter 30?
- b) How did his army want to handle this tragedy?
- c) How did David handle these frightening circumstances?
9. How did David show a generous heart with the plunder received from defeating the Amalekites?
10. Share how David displayed acts and ordinances made by a King.

Going Deeper:

11. a) Can you share a time when God graciously helped you out of circumstances that you had gotten yourself into?
- b) What was your response to God for this deliverance? (For example, did you take the credit? Did you give praise to God and give Him glory?)
12. When you are in fear, crisis or need like both Saul and David were in this lesson, what do the following verses teach you?
- Deuteronomy 10:12–16
- Psalm 37:23–24
- Psalm 66:9–10
- Psalm 66:16–20
- Psalm 91:1–6
- Matthew 28:20
- John 16:33
- Philippians 4:4–9
- Hebrews 11:16
- James 4:8