

# *Family Worship*

## *Saul & the Medium of Endor*

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This is a scene in the bible.  
What do you see?



# *Opening Prayer*

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.



# He Is Exalted

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pM3DCuDvafY>



# *Catechism Time!*

Bible truths for teaching children

## Question 42

**Q:** How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

**A:** With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith and practise it in our lives.

**Bible verse (2 Timothy 3:16-17)**

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.





- ❑ Prince Philip died peacefully on April 9
- ❑ He was 99 years old
- ❑ He was married to the Queen for 73 years !

Today we will learn about the last hours of a king who lived long ago...



Let's open up the Bible

1 Samuel 28:3-25

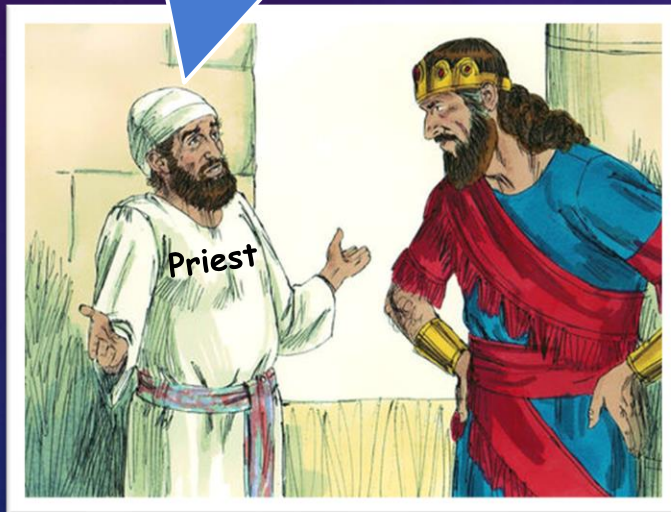


Now Samuel was dead, and all the Israelites had shown their sadness for him. They had buried Samuel in his hometown of Ramah.

And Saul had forced out the mediums and fortune-tellers from the land of Israel.



I hear no answer from the Lord...

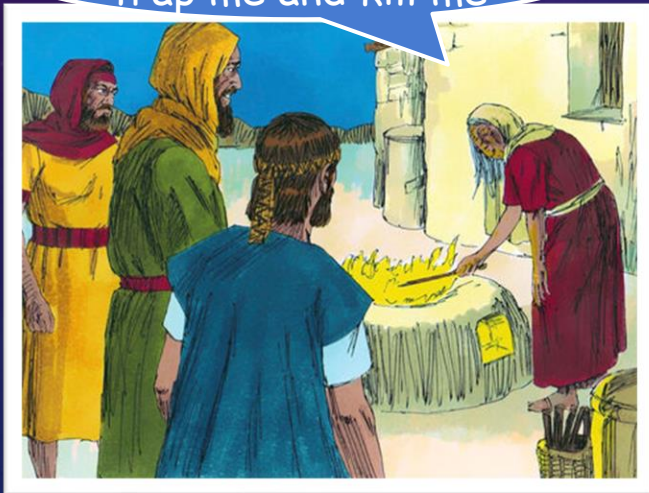


The Philistines came together and made camp at Shunem. Saul gathered all the Israelites and made camp at Gilboa. When he saw the Philistine army, **he was afraid**. His heart pounded with fear. He prayed to the Lord, but the **Lord did not answer him through dreams, Urim or prophets**. Then Saul said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium. **I'll go and ask her what will happen.**"

There's a  
medium in Endor



You're trying to  
trap me and kill me



His servants answered, "There is a medium in Endor." Then Saul put on other clothes so no one would know who he was. At night Saul and two of his men went to see the woman. Saul said to her, "Talk to a spirit for me. Call up the person I name."

But the woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done. He has forced the mediums and fortune-tellers out from the land of Israel. You are trying to trap me and kill me."

Saul made a promise to the woman in the name of the Lord. He said, "As surely as the Lord lives, you won't be punished for doing this."

The woman asked, "Whom do you want me to bring up for you?"

He answered, "Bring up Samuel."



When the woman saw Samuel, she screamed loudly. She said, "Why have you tricked me? You are Saul!"

The king said to the woman, "Don't be afraid! What do you see?"

The woman said, "I see a spirit coming up out of the ground."

Saul asked, "What does he look like?"

The woman answered, "An old man wearing a coat is coming up."

Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed facedown on the ground.

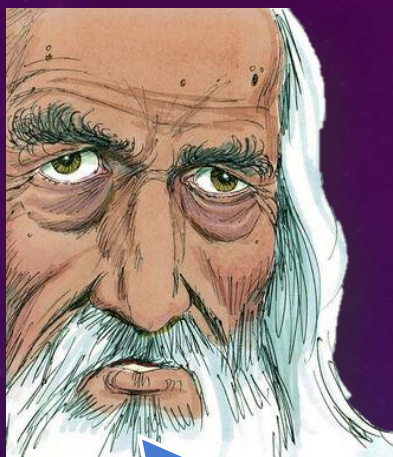
Samuel asked Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?"

Saul said, "I am greatly troubled. The Philistines are fighting against me. **God has left me. He won't answer me anymore, either by prophets or in dreams.** That's why I called you. I want you to tell me what to do."



You are Saul !!!





The Lord has left you



Samuel said, "The Lord has left you. He has become your enemy. So why do you call on me? He has done what he said he would do. He said these things through me:

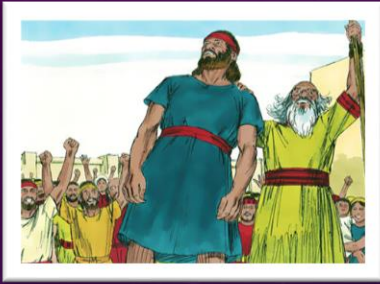
He has torn the kingdom out of your hands. He has given it to one of your neighbors, David. You did not obey the Lord. You did not show the Amalekites how angry he was with them. That's why he has done this to you today. The Lord will give both Israel and you to the Philistines. Tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The Lord will let the Philistines defeat the army of Israel."

Saul quickly fell to the ground and lay there. He was afraid because of what Samuel had said. He was also very weak because he had eaten nothing all that day and night.

Saul started out as a good king.

What happened?

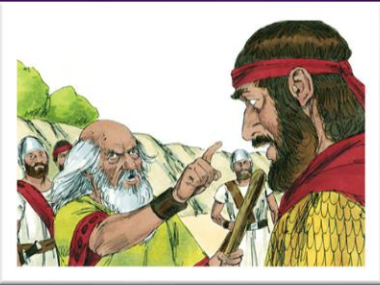




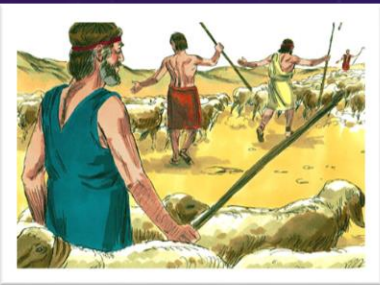
Saul was anointed as first king of Israel. Samuel also taught him how to be a good king.



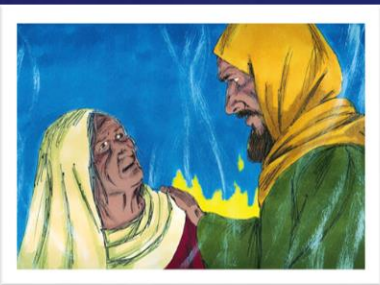
However, Saul kept disobeying God...



1. He made burnt offerings to God. He ignored God's command that only priests were allowed to do so.



2. He kept alive king Agag of the Amalekites and the best of their livestock, even though God had commanded him to destroy everything.



3. Finally, he turned to a medium even though God had strictly banned that in Israel.



# What is a Medium?

- ❑ A medium is someone who communicates messages between the living and the dead.
- ❑ Mediums practices occult which God hates and strictly forbids (more details later).

# Family Discussion

(Answers on next page)

1. Why did Saul disguise himself when he went to see the medium?
2. Why did Saul turn to a medium? (Hint: see page 9)
3. Samuel told Saul about the consequences of his sins. What were those consequences? (Hint: see page 12)
4. Did the medium really bring up Samuel?

1. Why did Saul disguise himself when he went to see the medium?
  - He knew he was doing evil in God's eyes
  - He was concerned that the medium would recognize he was Saul and would not do what he asked
  
2. Why did Saul turn to a medium?
  - He was facing a battle with the Philistines and was afraid
  - God had left him, so when he prayed, God did not answer
  - He wanted to know what would happen in the battle
  - He wanted advice from Samuel but Samuel was dead
  
2. Samuel told Saul about the consequences of his sins. What were those consequences?
  - God had left Saul and had become his enemy
  - God had torn Saul's kingdom out of his hands and given it to David
  - God would let the Philistines defeat Israel and Saul
  - Saul and his sons would die the following day
  
3. Did the medium really bring up Samuel?
  - We don't know for sure. The devil could have disguised himself as Samuel. Contacting the dead is strictly forbidden by God.



# What is an Occult?

Occult means secret, supernatural or magical powers, practices, or phenomena. Do you recognise these occult practices forbidden by God?

- Astrology
- Horoscope
- Ouija board
- Feng Shui
- Contacting the dead
- Fortune telling
- Tarot cards
- New age
- Palm reading
- Crystal gazing
- Witchcraft

Fortune telling



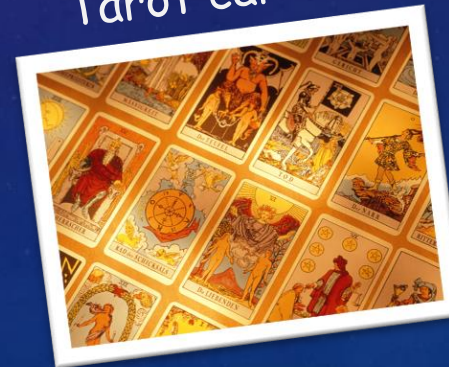
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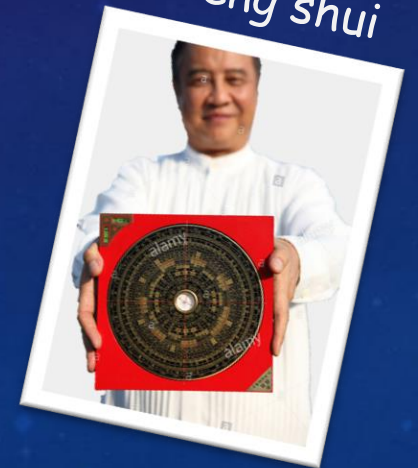
Astrology



Tarot cards



Feng shui



1. People involve in the occults because
  - ❑ They want to know the future
  - ❑ They think it will give them health, wealth and good fortune
  - ❑ They want the occult masters to help them achieve their goals in life
2. Why shouldn't Christians get involved in the occults?

#### Bible passages

1. Don't let anyone use magic or witchcraft... Don't let anyone try to control others with magic... Don't let them be mediums or try to talk with the spirits of dead people. The Lord hates anyone who does these things. (1 Deut 18:9-14)
2. Do not go to mediums or fortune-tellers for advice. If you do, you will become unclean. I am the Lord your God. (Lev 19:31)

# Why Does God Hate and Forbid Occults?

## 1. Occult is Idolatry

- A person involved in the occults trusts in the supernatural instead of God and His word
- It insults God...it's like saying "*My fengshui master is more powerful and more informative than you!*"

## 2. Occult is Evil

- The devil uses the occults to draw people to him.
- God loves us and doesn't want us to be involved in something that hurts us



Why did two famous occult masters  
abandon their trade?

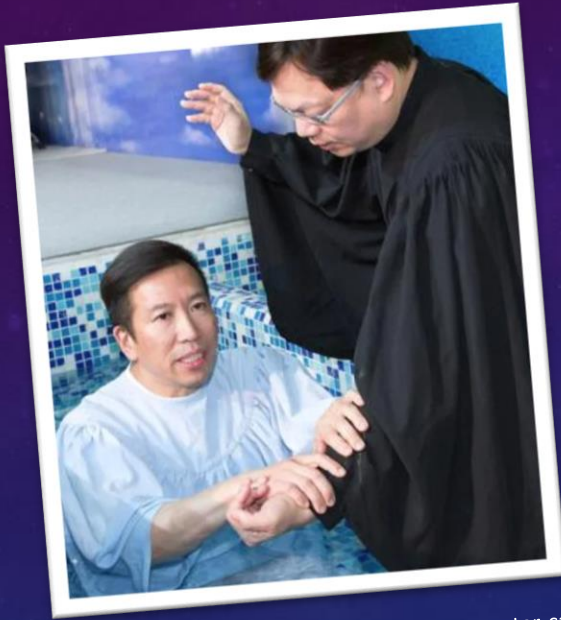
Meet...

Tony Chan (Feng Shui Master)

Steven Bancarz (Occult Master)

# Tony Chan - Former Feng Shui Master

Tony made \$\$\$ performing Feng Shui practices for rich people, including the richest woman in Asia, Nina Wang. He was sent to prison after making forgeries of her will. Shortly before his sentence, he became a Christian.



<https://www.crossmap.com/news/former-feng-shui-master-calls-chinese-geomancy-complete-crap-only-christ-is-true-he-says.html>

Tony now believes only Christ is true. "Only Christ is true. If feng shui turns out to be true, it is only the devil playing tricks... you have to be especially careful if they come true, because by creating such effects, the devil's motive is to lure people towards him," He added that his past as a Feng Shui master is "complete crap" and "has to be flushed away."

He became a Christian after reading a bible his driver Henry gave him. He said, "When I held on to that Bible, I felt like paralyzed...and warmth in my heart...so I asked Henry, 'Can I meet with a pastor?'"

Tony was baptized and changed his name to Peter. "This is the happiest day in my life. It felt like getting married, and I could tell everyone that I am a Christian," Even his wife testifies of the great change she has witnessed in his life.

Tony is still in prison. He has completed 2 bible courses and is on his 3<sup>rd</sup>. He will be free in 2025.

# Steven Bancarz - Former Occult Master

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=koU1PJHQUs0>





- ❑ Jesus is God, Saviour and King.
- ❑ Jesus is more powerful, more loving and more personal than any occult - as Tony Chan and Steven Bancarz have found.
- ❑ We need not be afraid of the future because Jesus loves us. Trust Him.



# *Family Prayer Time*

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Jesus.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

# 寶貴十架 *Precious Cross*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6dEU4h0xkM>

