

How to Take the Right Decision Part 7

We will continue in this message to speak about how to take the right decision. We will be studying Saul and see what he did and his refusal of repentance brought calamity on him and on those who were with him:

“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. 9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? 10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. 11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. 12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. 13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. 14 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself. 15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. 16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? 17 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David: 18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. 19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines. 20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night. 21 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. 22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of

bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way. 23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed. 24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof: 25 And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.” (1 Samuel 28:3-25 KJV)

This is a real story and is written in the Bible in order to teach us the ways of God and to open our eyes to the truth and what is going on in the spiritual realm.

“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.” (1 Samuel 28:3 KJV) About what Saul did with the witches was the correct thing to do, because that was the command of God to remove all those who are working with Satan and doing witchcraft as we can read here: *“Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.” (Exodus 22:18 KJV)* We should not tolerate at all those who do witchcraft. God had banned all kinds of witchcraft to be among His people because God had ordained other perfect ways in order to take a perfect decision that would lead us to know God’s will. That is why He said: *“31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 19:31 KJV)* We suppose to use God’s ways to consult God who would lead us to take the right decision. Therefore God ordained punishment to those who do such and so they will be cut from among His people as we read here: *“6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. 27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.” (Leviticus 20:6, 27 KJV)* Nothing of such need to be known among us: *“10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. 13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. 14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.” (Deuteronomy 18:10-14 KJV)* The nations that God would drive from before His people were doing such that is why He did not want His people to follow such abominations. Witches are working with demons and Satan. God wants His people to be directed by Him and not by demons or Satan. May be this message the purpose of it to make us aware of the spiritual attacks from witches and from those who practice sorcery, or to open our eyes in order to deal with people among us who are doing such and practicing that in their lives.

Samuel was dead, so here there was no more input from Samuel, and Saul will not be able to reach him and inquire from him about God’s decision. Samuel was the one who anointed Saul to be a king over Israel, but we know that when Saul compromised with the command of God, and spared Agag the King of the Amalekites with the best of the plunder, and refuse to obey the instruction to correct himself, Samuel departed from him and did not go to him

anymore. The rebellion of Saul was like a witchcraft, ***“23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. 35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.” (1 Samuel 15:23, 35 KJV)*** Here now Samuel is dead and that is another factor for Saul to fear because he will be in need of advice and he did not know from where he will take.

“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.” (1 Samuel 28:4-5 KJV) Now, here came the fearful moment that Saul was afraid to face; the enemy were coming against him, he was now afraid, even he gathered the whole army of Israel he still has fear because there was no one beside him to strengthen him and to guide him in the right way and in the right decision of what he needed to do.

“6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.” (1 Samuel 28:6 KJV) Now here Saul was in need of God, he wanted to ask God of what he needed to do. The Lord did not answer him, and the writer put it in this way, ***“the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.”*** The Lord would answer through:

- 1. Dreams:** God is speaking through dreams. In the Bible there are dreams that God spoke to people through dreams. When we ask a decision He may speak to us through dreams.
- 2. Urim:** Saul did not have regard to the priests. Saul killed all the priests, and the priest who was left run away from him and went and joined David, therefore there was no way for Saul to be guided by the Urim.
- 3. Prophet:** Saul did not have regard to any prophet, even to the prophet Samuel who anointed him to be a king, for Saul did not listen to his instructions.

God did not speak to Saul most likely because He had told Saul what he needed to know but Saul was not willing to follow, so for what God will speak to him again? **That will be the dilemma for those who do not fear God and who give no heed to the body of Christ that the Lord had placed them in and to the church leaders that He placed beside them. When you do not have regard to the instruction that God is sending to you through the church and the body of Christ that you are part of then the same what happened to Saul it may happen to you.**

“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.” (1 Samuel 28:7 KJV) Here Saul when he left all the possible Godly ways to communicate with God, then what is left for him is Satan, demons and their agents; those who practice magic art, the evil doers, the scoundrels, whose advices brings those who listen to hell. When rebelliousness prevails then that is the witchcraft which is against God. The rebelliousness of Saul ended him to go and seek the help of witchcraft, exactly as Samuel told him previously, ***“23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft.” (1 Samuel 15:23 KJV)*** **When people are not willing to listen to God and listen to the church leaders who are there to help them in their**

decision, then what is left are the wrong and the harmful advices that will come from evil doers who are inspired by demons and Satan.

“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.” (1 Samuel 28:8 KJV) You see here, he was disguised because he was ashamed of what he was doing. He changed his clothes so he will not be known because what he was doing was sin. He was ashamed of people to know that he was doing such but he was not ashamed from God. **Many of those who do their own, they will try to hide because they are ashamed of the people but they are not ashamed of God. Those members of the church who do their own, they will hide from the church leadership but they are not aware that God is watching carefully.** Saul was also ashamed of the witch woman to discover he was Saul, but he was not ashamed of God.

How about you now? Do you want to continue living in rebelliousness and rejection to the ordinances of God to lead you in the right way and in the right decision? Time for you to repent and come to your senses. Time for you to repent and come back to the church and accept the instruction of the church leaders to help you to take the right decision in life. Whatever situation you are in and the troubles that you put yourself in God is willing to help you if you come to Him and to His ordinances.

Let us continue the story of Saul and see through it where you are now in your spiritual life and where you are in making your decision in pertain to the spiritual leaders that God had placed over you in the church that He placed you in:

“9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?” (1 Samuel 28:9 KJV) The woman told him what Saul did to remove all witches as good things that Saul did, removing all those who were doing witchcraft. He was reminded of the good things that he did before, but now he was going back to those witches' people and he was asking them the advices to be guided of what he needed to do. **You see how those who reject God's ordinances what will be happening to them. Therefore, do not be among them.**

“10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.” (1 Samuel 28:10 KJV) Here Saul promised her to protect her. Worse than that, Saul put his trust on her. It is so painful to see the deterioration of Saul how he was called by God to serve the Lord but he departed from the ordinances of God, rejected God, and finally end up his deterioration in relying on sorcerers to guide him, ***“13 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it; 14 And enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.” (1 Chronicles 10:13-14 KJV)*** God killed Saul for such a sin. **Those who leave the church because they don't want the church to interfere with them and their decisions, they will end up deteriorating due to lack of the right advice and guidance from the church leadership.**

“11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.” (1 Samuel 28:11 KJV) Here Saul with this request confirmed that he had forfeited the council of God when he did not listen to the instruction of Samuel who rebuked him for his compromises. So Saul knew that Samuel was the true prophet of God and through him he can hear the voice of God. With such Saul confirmed what Samuel spoke to him was the very true thing that he forfeited to listen.

“12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.” (1 Samuel 28:12 KJV) How this happened that she discovered he was Saul? Saul when he asked the woman to bring up to him Samuel, the woman cannot do that, but what she can do, was to call one of her demons whom she was working with, and that demon would pretend that he was Samuel. When the demon went up and show himself to the woman in the form of Samuel, the demon informed her that the man who requested her to do such was King Saul. That is why she was afraid, cried with a loud voice, and asked Saul why he deceived her and confronted him. Saul was deceived thinking that he cannot reach God again and he was not aware that now he was led by the demons to sin more against God. **Those who leave the church and the right way of God, they will be in danger and highly susceptible to be led by evil spirits, the demons, to mislead them more, to sin more against God.**

“13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.” (1 Samuel 28:13 KJV) Again King Saul assured her, not to be afraid, and again here Saul showed his compromises and his departure from the Word of God and from the will of God. He then asked the woman what she was seeing, and she told him, ***“I saw gods ascending out of the earth”***. What was meant by gods are the demons that she was calling, and they were disguised with dress and were shown the same like the person that Saul requested to meet. This is how those with a familiar spirit work; the spirit make itself similar in figure to the person requested to appear.

“14 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.” (1 Samuel 28:14 KJV) Here Saul was fully surrendering to the leading of the demons, and he trusted the misleading of the woman who was telling him all lies. He was impressed with the faked presentation of her when she described to him Samuel’s appearance with his apparel. He bowed himself before the demon, which further deceived Saul. **It is so sad to see people who forfeit the council of God that the church leaders gave them, but they will admire listening to evil doers who are misleading them. Saul refused to listen to Samuel but now he is listening to a witch; that is really rebelliousness.**

“15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.” (1 Samuel 28:15 KJV) The rest of the drama between the demon and Saul continued under the supervision of the witch woman. The demon really pretended that he was Samuel and spoke harshly with Saul. Saul confessed to the demon all what he was passing through

from distress, the war the Philistines were making, and how God departed from him in not answering him by prophets, or dreams, and that is why he was compelled to call Samuel’s spirit to life. Saul trusted the witch and the demon who were speaking to him. He opened to them all his life. **Those who leave the right way and the church who are advising them to do the right thing will end up with demons and evil spirits who are fooling them and misleading further away from God.** Saul was really in total deception and he was not aware that he was surrounded by demons who hurriedly came to deceive him more and to lead him into death. **This is what will happen to those who will leave the church and leave those whom God appointed to teach them and to lead them.**

“16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?” (1 Samuel 28:16 KJV) The demon to deceive Saul further he told Saul that God had left him, and became his enemy. All were lies to end up his life. The demon further insisting that he was Samuel, and what he had prophesied before, now the Lord is fulfilling, ***“17 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David: 18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.” (1 Samuel 28:17-18 KJV)*** That what the demon said to Saul about what God did with him and how He removed the Kingdom from him and transferred it to David, and the reason behind that was correct. But further what the demon said was totally a lie to mislead Saul. ***“19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.” (1 Samuel 28:19 KJV)*** What the demon said, was not only to totally discouraged Saul, but as well as to lead him further to destruction. The demon gave the impression to Saul that God does not want him anymore and is totally rejected by God so he will push him more away from God. *** The demon did not give the hope for Saul that if he will repent then he can be saved and return to God. * Why we said it is a message from demon and not from God? Because there was no word of repentance in it.** The demon said to Saul, ***“and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me”***: That is another lie the demon said to Saul; because what he told him was that if he will die then he will be in paradise. You may ask how this will be? True, it cannot be! Let me explain it to you. Because if this was Samuel, he would be in the bosom of Abraham which was the paradise for the righteous; so the demon was further deceiving Saul and assuring him of a good end if he will die. But the truth is that if Saul will die without repentance in the battle then he will be in hell and that where demons are located, and he will not be with Samuel. The message of the demon was a deceiving message and a misleading to Saul to bring him to hell. **You see here, when you are with wrong people, not only they will mislead you, but will bring you even to hell.**

Saul was more frustrated after the message that he received from the demon. ***“20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.” (1 Samuel 28:20 KJV)*** **That is why when you are in trouble, the more you need to go back to God and surrender your life to Him and to the church leaders that God had placed for you, and who are watching over your soul.**

“21 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand,

and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. 22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way. 23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed. 24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof: 25 And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.” (1 Samuel 28:21-25 KJV) Look to the woman here, how she was working with the demon to destroy Saul’s life. She was like her demon, she never asked Saul to repent, but she was only minding that he will eat something. She will not ask him to repent, because if he will repent he needed to kill her.

As well as his servants they never were concerned about the spiritual aspect for King Saul’s life. They never advised him to repent and to start to seek God and do what is right. Sure there were prophets around Saul at that time, his servants did not advice him to go and inquire from God from one of them. **Some people around you they are concern only about what you eat and what you drink, they are concerned about your flesh needs, but they are not concerned about your spiritual condition. They will not advice you the right thing to do to return to God and repent of your sins, and will not guide you how to do it. Instead they will show you the false love and will deceive you with banquets, and emotional flatteries, therefore you need to be aware of that. Those are the very wrong people that you need to leave.**

My dear and beloved: Come now to the Lord to repent and be back to the right way that God wants you to be. Time for you to leave the bad people and come back to the church and to the leaders of the church that God had placed for you to guide you and to help you to take the right decision that God wants you to take. Move away from demons and from their lies. Move away from such kind of people who just concern about your flesh needs but are not concern about your real need of repentance and coming back to God. The Lord still love you and He wants you to come back to Him. Come back to God’s church and start to obey the instructions of the Lord. He is waiting for you to come back to Him and to His church.

Let us pray.

My prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Thank you Lord for the teaching that I received in this message that enable me to see the real battle against Satan and its demons and rest of their tactics.*

Lord I pray for those who are away from you and away from your church; reveal yourself once again to them, and give them hope that you love them so they will be set free from all the effects of demons. Satan and demons I rebuke you in the name of Jesus. You have no power over the sheep of Jesus, the blood of Jesus is against you, release them right now in the name of Jesus, Amen. Lord I pray that you restore back those who went away and show them once again your love and mercy and bring them back to you and to your house.

Renounce and repent from all your sins. Repent of being yoke with the non believers and asking advices and counsel from them. Repent from pride, doing your own will, being independent and not willing to humble down and come and ask help and advices from the church and the leaders of the church. Renounce all your compromises, and your breaking to the Word of God. Lord I repent from all these sins _____, I am coming back to you and to your church, Lord forgive me my sins, I repent from them all.

Lord I ask you to guide me and direct me in solving this problem _____ . Lord have mercy on me, delver me and take me out from the following trap that I fall in.

Lord thank you for all my brothers and sisters who repented of their sins and humbled themselves and came back to you and to your church. Lord have mercy on them; restore to them all their losses, give them sense of direction, give them strength and direct us to teach them and help them to be back in the way they need to take to go on to live for you and to serve you.

Lord bless us as a church and help us to continue to serve you and to do your will. Lord lead us to advice your people with your will and to bring them back into the way that you ordained for them to pass through. Lord protect us and provide all our needs to continue to serve you. Lord fulfill the vision of the church ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.’ Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and serve you, to evangelize, making new disciples, training new workers, and to plants new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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