

HOMEWORK

For the week of November 16, 2008

Passage of Scripture: I Samuel Chapter 31

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Quick Review

The Philistines had attacked deep into Israeli territory (I Samuel 28:4) and Saul's army assembled and prepared for battle at Mount Gilboa (I Samuel 28:4). Because of his deep rebellion against the Lord, Saul was not ready for battle.

Instead of taking his fears to the Lord, you will remember that Saul made things even worse by seeking God's voice through a spirit medium.

In this Chapter 31, King Saul and his sons die in battle.

1. Death is a part of life:

a. Why do people die ? Romans 6:23

b. Do Christians/Believers ever die early because of sin? I Cor. 11:30.

c. Is suicide the "unpardonable sin " ? Matt. 12:31.

d. When is death a blessing ?

2. According to I Chronicles 10: 13-14, why did Saul die when he did ?

a. Do you think it was "fair" that Jonathan died when he did ?

b. In what ways was Jonathan's death a blessing ?

3. Does the description of Saul's death in II Samuel 1:4-10 contradict the description of his death in I Samuel 31: 3-6 ?

What could be some of the explanations of these differing accounts ?

4. Saul seemed to start out good and than became more rebellious over time. What does Romans 1: 18-32 teach us about this truth ?

Do you think a person realizes that this is what is happening at the time ?

If " repentance" is a gift, do you think that at some point and time a person is unable to repent ?

5. The Israelites were supposed to be an example to the rest of the world. Today....the church is to be an example to the rest of the world. Satan is always focused on attacking God's people. With that in mind how do we answer the following questions:

a. What are Satan's Objectives in attacking Christians ?

b. What are Satan's Limitations ?

c. Are we supposed to go out and take on the devil....to seek him out and pick a fight with him ?

d. What does it mean "to resist the devil" ?

e. We cannot defeat the devil by human intellect, cleverness or force of personality. Therefore what should we do when we are attacked by the devil ? Eph. 6

f. When the church was first founded, Satan attacked Christians with physical persecution and they scattered. How did God use that to accomplish His purposes ?

g. What are some common ways Satan attacks the modern-day local church ?

h. In light of the inevitability of spiritual attacks from Satan, what practical, specific advice should we be giving to new believers ?

6. What should we as Christians do when Pastors fall or Local Churches fall ?

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Why Did They Die ?..... By Ken Dalton

1. a. Saul died because of his _____.
- b. Jonathan died as a _____.
- c. Some Israelites died as part of God's _____ of Israel.
- d. Some Philistines died as _____ in God's Hands.

2. Suicide is _____ the unpardonable (unforgiveable) sin.
Suicide is _____.
_____ . To reject the convicting work and the invitation of the Holy Spirit to confess sin and receive Jesus Christ as one's Savior is the _____ .
(Matt. 12:31)

3. While God may be delaying His judgment we can become _____ in our sin. We can also assume that there never will be any consequences for our sin. Repentance is a _____ from God.

4. The way in which we respond to spiritual attacks should be a strong _____ to others who are watching us.....as individuals and also as a local _____.

5. God's work is bigger than any _____ or any group of people.