

SEEK THE LORD

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Sermon Theme: As believers in Jesus Christ, who obeyed God's Word perfectly, even during His earthly exile; we are called to seek the Lord in His Word, and to do so according to all that is written in it, for then He will make our prosperous, and then we will have eternal success!

I. Fulfilling God's Word – Read 1 Samuel 27:1-28:2

- A. Read 1 Samuel 27:1-7. What is the motivation for David fleeing to the land of the Philistines? What are some unique characteristics of David's relationship with Achish, the king of Gath?
- B. What is the significance of David's raids against the various inhabitants of the land? In what ways does David show himself to be a new and greater Joshua?
- C. How does this chapter demonstrate David's desire to seek the Lord and fulfill God's Word? In what ways does Joshua 1:8 highlight the actions of David in 27:1-28:2?

II. Rejecting God's Word – Read 1 Samuel 28:3-25

- A. Read 1 Samuel 28:3-25. What is the main reason Saul seeks the Medium of En-dor? What information are we given in verse 3 to highlight the troubling scenario that Saul has created?
- B. How does this interaction between Saul and the medium point us back to Genesis 3?
- C. In what ways does King Saul reject God's Word (Deut. 18:9-14; Lev. 20:27; Is. 8:19-22) in chapter 28? How would you contrast David and Saul's actions in chapters 27 and 28?
- D. What are some reasons why you might be tempted to not listen to God's Word?

III. Embracing God's Word – Application

- A. Read Proverbs 3:5-7. What is the value of trusting in the Lord rather than your own understanding? When are you prone to trust in your own understanding?
- B. What do you think it looks like to consistently seek the Lord? What practices should a person put in place to do so? And what passages are helpful reminders to trust God rather than man?
- C. How would you like to grow in embracing God's Word? What practical steps would you like to make to grow in your love for God's Word and your trust in what God has declared?