

# So Saul Died for His Trespass.

by F.B. Meyer

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of waiting on God and seeking His guidance, rather than relying on external sources or selfish desires.*

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 15:23, 1 Chronicles 10:13, Psalm 27:14, Psalm 32:8, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 8:19, Jeremiah 33:3, Matthew 7:7-8, John 7:17, James 1:5

**Topics:** "Obedience to God", "Seeking God's Guidance"

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## Description

F.B. Meyer reflects on the tragic end of Saul, emphasizing his threefold trespass against God: failing to obey God's command regarding Amalek, seeking counsel from a medium, and neglecting to inquire of the Lord. Meyer warns against the modern tendencies to seek guidance from worldly sources rather than God, urging believers to cultivate a habit of waiting on the Lord for direction. He encourages the congregation to approach God with a sincere desire to know His will, assuring them that God will provide guidance to those who are willing to follow. The sermon serves as a reminder of the importance of seeking divine counsel and the dangers of turning to alternative sources for wisdom.

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## Transcript

So Saul died for his trespass. 1 Chron. x. 13 (R.V.).

IT is suggestive to ponder the threefold analysis of Saul's trespass as given here. He kept not the word of the Lord; this probably refers to his failure to execute the sentence on Amalek; he asked counsel of one that had a familiar spirit; this errand had taken him to Endor on the eve of the battle; he enquired not of the Lord; this was conspicuously the case in his persecution of David.

Do we sufficiently inquire of the Lord? We ask the advice of our friends and religious teachers; we sometimes use doubtful methods of ascertaining God's will, as allowing the Bible to drop open, or interpreting some coincidence in the way we secretly desire to follow; besides which there is an increasing tendency in society to use the crystal, to consult spiritualistic mediums, to employ palmistry. These latter, course, repeat the sin of Saul, in going to Endor; and the resort to them on the part of children of this world shows that the heart of man must have something exterior to itself for worship and trust; if it has Forsaken God, it will deal with the devil rather than drift on alone. But let us all cultivate more carefully the blessed habit of waiting on God. If we ask Him for guidance, He will be sure to impart it; only we must put aside all selfish and personal ends, desiring to know his will, with a single purpose, and an unalloyed determination

to follow it at any cost.

Christ has told us that willingness to do his will is the sure organ of spiritual knowledge. "He that wills to do his will, shall know." Be of good cheer, beloved: God hath chosen thee that thou shouldst know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldst hear the voice of his mouth.

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