

# Comfort or Truth?

1 Samuel 28:1-13



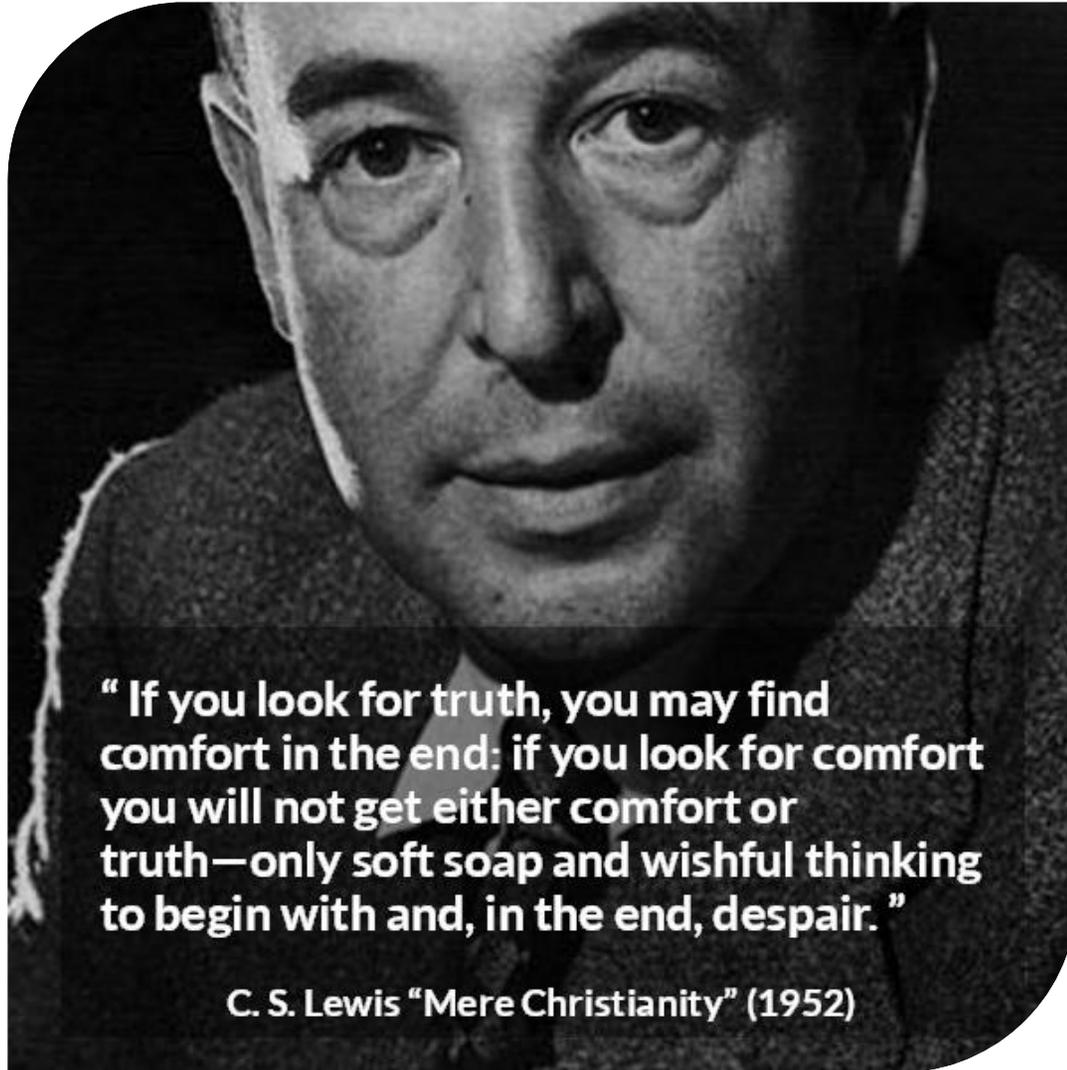


## SAUL'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE MEDIUM - 1 Sam 28

- The Law Forbade Mediums and Spiritists (Leviticus 19:31:20:6)
- Saul had driven them out (9)
- Now Saul Sought One Out! (7-8)
  - Could she actually summon dead spirits?
- Samuel's Answer (15-19)
- Saul's Reaction to Samuel's Words (20)

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“All I have to do is believe.”	Matt 7:21-23 – “He who does the will...”
“Attend the church of your choice.”	Eph 4:4 – “There is one body...”
“I can never lose my salvation.”	Gal 5:4 – “You have fallen from grace...”



**“ If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end: if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth—only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin with and, in the end, despair. ”**

**C. S. Lewis “Mere Christianity” (1952)**

# False Hope



A false hope gives  
only false comfort.

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- Men want to hear comforting words - 2 Tim 4:3
- But, comforting words are only beneficial *if they are true!*
- Disturbing words are of great benefit, *if they are true!*
- Buy the truth and do not sell it – Proverbs 23:23
- “The worst of all deceptions is self-deception.” - Plato

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