

The road to tragedy...

- Which is the *result* of sin...
- Is always paved with good intentions, good ideas, lots of money, and promises, promises,
- People end up on that road – which is essentially a road to sin – with all sorts of promises...
- And then excuses are made, justifying wrongdoing...
 - Well, I was in a pinch, just having some fun.
 - There was nothing I could do; don't want to rock the boat
 - I didn't sin that bad; not as bad as...

It's the road to horrible sin...

No one goes out seeking:

- **The heartache of sin**
- **The pain of sinful choices**
- **The punishment for sin**
- **But they make choices that lead there!**

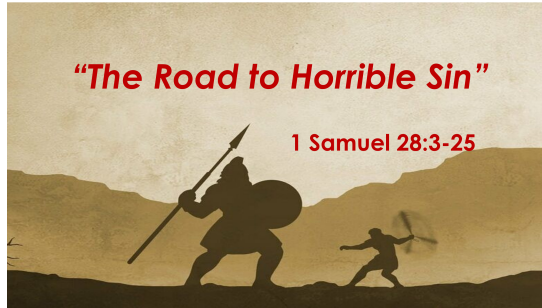
In 1 Samuel 28:

Saul sadly illustrates:

- The road to horrible sin
- As he has to have an answer from God
- For the problem with the Philistines.
- So, let's break God's law to get a word from God.
- As he consults with a medium at Endor.

Let's look at some facts about the road to horrible sin:

- I. It is paved with desperate circumstances (vs.4-5)
 - 1. the size of the army 2. how far north the Philistines had adv.
 - A. It helps justify it
 - B. You can learn a lot about a person's character when you see who they turn to in trouble.
 - David: turned to Samuel, (chapter 19)
turned to Jonathan, (chapter 20)
turned to Ahimelech, (chapter 21)
 - Saul: turned to a medium, a spiritist!
- II. It is paved with previous obedience (v.3)
 - A. Narrator reminds us about Samuel



- B. Tells us the good Saul had done (3b)
 - C. The law said in Leviticus 20:6 – “As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to play the prostitute with them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.”
 - D. Saul had removed/banned them...Why?
- III. It is paved with good intentions (vs.6-7)
- A. Or so he thought (vs.9-10)
 - B. Saul would have said...”it was necessary, what could I do?”
 - C. He had killed all the prophets; (David had last one)
 - D. Saul wanted to talk to the most spiritual man he ever knew
 - E. He wanted to know what to do.

- IV. It is paved with *sure* judgment (vs.16-17)
- A. Samuel gives Saul no new information
 - B. The road to sin and judgment is sure!
 - C. Saul committed a capital offense! [Illustration: Eskimo wolf hunting]

Conclusion:

- Beware of the road to horrible sin
- You will not escape –
 - The consequences...
 - Sure judgment
- Ezekiel 18:20 – “The soul that sinneth, it shall die.”
- All around us we see...the results of sin, the problem of sin, and a sin filled world.
- In God's Word we see a sacrifice, a Savior, Jesus!
- Who paid for that sin, the penalty of that sin. To remove that sin. Has He paid for your sin?

