



Is it possible to contact the dead?

1. God does not look favorably upon any attempt to contact the dead

Forbidden in Law (Lev. 19:3, Deut. 18:9-14, Isa. 8:19)
Saul removed mediums and spiritists from the land (1 Sam. 28:3)

2. What about the case of Saul calling Samuel from the dead?

God allows it to happen
It does not do Saul any good
The medium of Endor is shocked by Samuel showing up

3. Conclusions

The appearance of the dead can be a hoax
Can be a demonic imitation (2 Cor. 11:14-15, 1 Tim. 4:1)
The profit motive may tell you something
This account does not prove that contacting the dead is normal
Sometimes getting what we want is God's punishment

4. Dangers

Opens the door for Satanic influence
Focuses on the wrong person
Anything that distracts from our following of the Lord is to be avoided
Desire for "hidden knowledge" is often not good for us (i.e. Eve)

Bottom Line

Find your direction from God (Proverbs 3:5-6)