
Answer:

Shalom! To answer this question properly, we must begin with a foundational truth: **God is omnipresent** He exists everywhere and nothing is hidden from Him, not even the realm of darkness.

1. God's Omnipresence (Psalm 139)

In **Psalm 139:7-12 (ESV)**, David declares:

“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!... Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.” (vv. 7-12)

This psalm reveals God's **unlimited reach and knowledge** even the darkest, most hidden places are fully exposed to Him. This truth establishes that **God can intervene or speak in any context**, including situations involving darkness or rebellion.

2. Understanding the Spiritual Realms

Scripture reveals **three main “realms” or “kingdoms”** active in creation:

The Kingdom of God – The highest authority; holy, eternal, and sovereign (Luke 1:33, Matthew 6:10).

The kingdom of darkness – Governed by Satan, active in deception, witchcraft, rebellion, and sin (Colossians 1:13, Ephesians 6:12).

The kingdom of man – The physical realm we inhabit, influenced by the above two (Genesis 1:28, Romans 5:12).

Each of these realms has its own **jurisdiction and influence**, but **only God’s Kingdom is supreme**. He alone has full authority over all creation (Psalm 103:19).

“The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.” *Psalm 103:19 (ESV)*

Even Satan acknowledged a form of temporal control over the earthly kingdoms when tempting Jesus:

“All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”
Matthew 4:9 (ESV)

This was not an empty boast. While God is sovereign, **He allows limited authority** to Satan within boundaries He controls (Job 1:12, Luke 22:31-32).

3. What Happened with Saul?

In **1 Samuel 28**, King Saul, having lost favor with God and no longer hearing from Him through prophets, dreams, or the Urim, sought out a medium the so-called “Witch of Endor.” This was a **direct violation of God’s Law**:

“Do not turn to mediums or necromancers; do not seek them out, and so make yourselves unclean by them: I am the Lord your God.”
Leviticus 19:31 (ESV)

“There shall not be found among you anyone who... practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens... For whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord.” *Deuteronomy 18:10-12 (ESV)*

Despite this rebellion, something unusual happened Samuel appeared and spoke to Saul.

Now, **theologians differ** on whether this was truly the spirit of Samuel or a demon impersonating him. But the text itself (1 Samuel 28:12-20) strongly suggests **God allowed Samuel to appear**, not as a sign of approval, but as an act of **judgment**:

“Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your enemy?” *1 Samuel 28:16 (ESV)*

This was not divine endorsement of witchcraft. Rather, it was **God using even a forbidden situation to declare judgment on Saul**. Saul was already condemned for his disobedience (1 Samuel 15:23), and consulting a medium sealed his fate.

4. Can God Speak Through Darkness?

Theologically, yes **God can speak through or in any circumstance**, even in places or through means that are not godly. Why? Because He is **sovereign** (Romans 8:28, Daniel 4:35). But that does **not mean He approves** of the method or that the person is right with God.

Example: Balaam

In **Numbers 22**, Balaam, a pagan prophet skilled in divination, hears directly from God. God even uses Balaam’s **donkey** to speak a message! But Balaam’s intentions were corrupt, and he later led Israel into sin (Numbers 31:16). Despite hearing God’s voice, Balaam was ultimately

killed in judgment (Joshua 13:22).

Lesson: Hearing from God is not the same as being right with God.

5. Seeking God in the Wrong Ways

People who turn to witchcraft, fortune-telling, or other occult practices are not genuinely seeking God they're usually looking for quick fixes to life's problems. But Scripture warns:

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death." - Proverbs 14:12 (ESV)

Saul didn't go to the medium to seek God he went to get *answers* that God had withheld. This is a warning: **trying to reach God through forbidden means invites judgment, not blessing.**

6. Jesus Is the Only Way to God

God's true method of communication and reconciliation with man is **through His Son, Jesus Christ.**

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." *1 Timothy 2:5 (NKJV)*

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - *John 14:6 (ESV)*

Any attempt to approach God through idols, the occult, or alternative spiritual paths **is rebellion** and leads to destruction even if "answers" seem to come. Those answers are often deceptive or come with spiritual consequences (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12).

Conclusion:

Yes, **God is able to speak in any situation—even through darkness—because He is omnipresent and sovereign.** However, that does not mean He *endorses* or *approves* of the methods used.

When He does choose to speak in such contexts, it is often a **warning** or a **final word of judgment**, not favor or guidance.

Key truth: God's answers will never contradict His Word.

To seek God properly, we must come through **faith in Jesus Christ**, with a humble heart, and in **obedience to His Word**. Any other way is dangerous and leads away from truth.

Scripture References Used:

Psalms 139:7-12 – *God's Omnipresence* (ESV)

1 Samuel 28:6-20 – *Saul and the Medium of Endor* (ESV)

Leviticus 19:31, Deuteronomy 18:10-12 – *Prohibition of Witchcraft* (ESV)

Can God speak through the powers of darkness? (1 Samuel 28).

Numbers 22-24, 31:16, Joshua 13:22 - *The story of Balaam*

John 14:6, 1 Timothy 2:5 - *Christ as the only way to God* (ESV/NKJV)

Proverbs 14:12 - *Deceptive paths* (ESV)

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 - *Deceptive spiritual experiences* (NIV)

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