

have said that this was an invasion == evasion. This was similar to a lie. He was telling truly what he was doing.

I think there is a point that is vital. God wants us to tell the truth. He does not necessarily want us to tell all of the truth. God wants us to accomplish the work he wants us to do. He does not want us unnecessarily to complicate it by telling everybody things that are none of their affairs., none of their business. We can easily get ourselves into unfortunate situations when we feel that we have to answer every question that is given us. People have no right to give us a question to which silence is in ~~its~~ itself an answer! They have no right to do that.

So while it is much better to err on the side of giving more facts than less, I believe there is a place in between that is God's will for us in our dealing with people. We are not required to tell all that may be in our minds, except to those who have a right to ask it. Whatever we do say should be truthful.

Samuel told the exact truth. Samuel said, I am coming to sacrifice. This was exactly true. It was inerrant. It was not the full story. Of course that is true of the Bible. It is all true, but it does not tell the full story. People talk about the possibility of whether science contradicts the Bible. If you take the same scientists and the same Bible students you find they contradict each other a great deal. But scientists often go far beyond the facts they have, and Bible students often go far beyond what the Bible clearly teaches! The statements of scientists and the statements of Bible students often contradict each other.

But when you look at the facts, of science and the facts of the Bible there is no contradiction, but in each of them there is a big area a tremendous area in every field of science that we do not know, about and do not understand. We could study any area of science for 10000 years and still we would not know anywhere near what the Lord knows about that particular area. I believe there is a tremendous amount included in the Bible that we need to know and we can get far more out of it than most of us ever get from our Bible study.

Study the words. Study the constructions. Compare Scripture with Scripture. God has truth for us beyond what anyone has ever dreamed of in this world, but we must be careful not to read into the Bible what is not there. Personally I feel it is often good to take a verse and try to explain it in such a way that it will contradict what we find in other verses. Then to test that and see where we have gone astray. What errors we have made in interpreting it. Because it may be that we need to alter somewhat our understanding of some other passage rather than simply brushing one aside.

There are two other facts in this passage that I think are very important for us. These are contained in the words God said to Samuel (v.7). "The Lord said to Samuel, Do not consider his