

A FINAL MEETING BETWEEN DAVID & SAUL
(1 Samuel 26)

Review:

* Let's note the difference in **thinking & attitude** of these two men toward each other:

- a. Saul knows that David is God's _____ to be king over His people, yet Saul continually seeks to _____ him.
- b. David recognizes Saul as God's _____ king who presently rules the nation, yet David seeks to _____ Saul, leaving _____ in God's hands on this matter.

I. David Spares Saul's Life Again (26:1-12)

1. Saul's allies, the Ziphites, continued to supply Saul with valuable _____ on the _____ of David & his men.
2. Acting on the basis of this intelligence, Saul & his thousands went to _____ David & his hundreds.
3. The arrangement of Saul's camp, combined with the location of the camp at the top of a hill, would have provided Saul with maximum _____ & _____ from any enemy.
4. David & Absihai made their way through the perimeter, to the _____ of the camp, to where Saul lay sleeping.
5. Absihai requests David's permission to _____ Saul & _____ this hide & seek situation once for all!
6. "For who can stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed & not be _____?"
7. Furthermore..."As the Lord lives"...(what does this phrase mean?)

("This is really a divine _____ in which to _____ the Living God of heaven—Who can & will justly _____ in His sovereign time") for ...

- a. The Lord can _____ him at any time, or
- b. His _____ will come to _____, or
- c. Perhaps he shall go out to battle & _____!

- How did David know this was the right thing to do?

8. David would not allow Saul's life to be _____, but he did have Absihai take Saul's _____ & _____.

- What significance did these hold?

9. As in times past, the Lord _____ is the One who makes all the _____ for those who do His will!

II. David's Appeal (26:13-20)

1. In the pre-dawn hours, David withdrew & crossed over to the next hill. From a safe distance _____ to Abner, Saul's commander & personal _____.
2. David verbally _____ Abner, Saul's commander, with 4 probing statements:
 - a. You are a _____ aren't you?
 - b. Why haven't you _____ the lord, your king?
 - c. As the Lord lives, you deserve to _____! (you have _____ the king & your mission)
 - d. To prove it, I _____ the king's spear & water jug here in my _____.

The point: "I easily could have _____ the king with his own spear, but I _____ do so!"

3. Saul, recognizing David's voice, asks the same _____ he asked in 24:16, "*Is that your _____, my son, David?*"
4. David then asks Saul.... "_____ are you pursuing me? What _____ have I done?"
5. Before Saul could answer, David makes an _____ to _____ him out!
 - a. If the _____ has stirred you up against me—tell me the _____, so I can make an appropriate _____ to God & _____ our differences. (as this is what the law required)
 - b. If _____ have stirred you up against me, may they be _____ for doing so. For they have driven me from _____ in my portion of God's _____ to our nation!
 - c. The problem oh king, is _____, not me! You seek to spill my _____ before the Lord. You are wasting valuable national _____ chasing a flea (someone who is really _____ to you)
6. Saul _____ his sin, requests David to come _____, & promises David he would not _____ him, since David did not harm Saul when he had the chance to!
7. David _____ Saul's spear, the symbol of his _____ and _____ as king of Israel.
8. David then **appealed** not to _____, but to the _____ for safety, security, & future _____ from all possible tribulation.

Galatians 6:7-10

9. Saul's parting words to David included a _____ and a _____.