

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.