

DAVID SPARES SAUL'S LIFE
(1 Samuel 24)

- How does one grow spiritually?

III. David, Israel's Choice King (chp 16-31)

E. David in Exile (21-31)

5. David, A man after God's heart (23)

6. David Spares Saul's life at En Gedi (24)

a. David's opportunity for vengeance (24:1-7)

1) While searching for David, Saul providentially stops at the very cave David & his men are _____ in to attend to his _____.

2) David's men suggest to David that this opportunity is _____ & now is the time to take _____ on Saul!

David 3) What appears to be a "no brainer" to David's men, is really another _____ from God for to now do to King Saul "what _____ to him"!

done! 4) As soon as David had cut off the corner of Saul's robe, David is _____ about what he had

- How is this conviction noted?

5) David stated ... in his conscience before God, he could _____ stretch out his hand to physically _____ God's designated anointed king!

- Is this consistent with what our Lord taught in Mt 5:43-44?

6) David then _____ his men from doing any _____ to Saul, so that Saul escaped to the _____ of his own forces!

b. David's opportunity to confront Saul & possibly reconcile him with the facts (24:8-15)

1) After Saul's departing, David called after Saul showing him great _____ & _____!

2) "*Why do you listen to the _____ words of men who say that David seeks to _____ you?*"

3) "Let me tell you the _____"...

- today the lord _____ right into my hands in the cave!
- someone there urged me to _____!
- but in my mind, I decided to _____!
- so I said to my men, "I will _____ stretch out my hand _____ my lord, the king"
- ...for he is the Lord's _____ king"

4) Add to that, note the corner of your robe that is _____, it is now in my hand!

- I cut off your robe, but I did not cut _____!
- I easily could have killed you, but instead I _____ you
- I want you to understand that there is neither _____, nor _____ in my heart
Toward you, yet you continually seek me to _____!
- I will let the Lord _____ between you & me
- I will let the Lord _____ me on you
- But my hand will not be _____ you sir!

5) Then David quotes a proverb well know by the ancients: "*Wickedness proceeds _____ the wicked!*" But that has _____ been true of me, sir! Who has this been true of?

6) Therefore, the Lord has been the _____ between me & you. The Lord has _____ what really has transpired between us, and the Lord has _____ my case by continuing to providentially _____ me out of your hand!

7) And today, sir, it has been only God's _____ manifest in my innocent heart that _____ you out of my hand!

c. Saul's Response, Request, & Retreat (24:16-31)

1) Saul's response:

- is one of _____ ... "*Is that you, my son, David?*"
 - is one of _____ & _____ so that he is brought to tears by this whole incident!
- Cf 1 Peter

- Saul admits that David is more _____ than himself
- you have rewarded me with _____, when I have intended _____ toward you
- you have clearly _____ how you have dealt with me (_____)
- the Lord _____ me into you hand, yet you did not _____ me! (_____)
- here Saul invokes a _____ upon David..."May the Lord reward you with _____ "

2) Saul **admits** before all... "*I know that you will be _____ & that the kingdom of Israel shall be _____ in your hand!*"

3) Saul's **request**: when your kingdom is established, please do not _____ all my descendants so my family's name would be _____ in Israel!