

David Spares Saul's Life 1 Samuel 24 & 26

David Spares Saul's Life Introduction

- Saul has already tried to kill David.
 - See 19:8-10
- David grew accustomed to hiding in caves.
 - See 22:1
- Saul tried to kill his own son Jonathan for siding with David.
 - See 20:32-33
- Saul ordered the priests of the Lord killed for helping David – and at least 85 were killed that day by Doeg the Edomite.
 - See 22:16-19

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- 24:5 because he cut off the corner of Saul's robe
- Why would his conscience bother him over this?
- Possibly because Saul's robe indicated his royal status.
- David's cutting it might have been seen as taking that status from him and claiming it for himself.
- 24:6 the Lord's anointed – 7x in today's chapters
- This refers to Saul's anointing as king by Samuel. David was anointed by Samuel too.
- In Hebrew it is the word *mashiyach* (messiah).
- In the Greek LXX, the word is *christos* (christ).
- 24:13 "Out of the wicked comes wickedness."
- This proverb indicates that the heart is the source of our actions, and not vice-versa.
- *Because I'm a sinner, I sin. Sinning doesn't make you a sinner, it only proves that you are one. Even so, in Christ Jesus I am now righteous ... Because of God's work in my life, I now do the deeds of righteousness.*
 - *Chuck Smith (1927 – 2013)*
- 24:20-21 I know that you shall surely be king...
- Saul admits that he knows David will someday take over his throne. His own dynasty is not going to last.

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- 26:10 David knows that it is not his job to take vengeance upon Saul – even though Saul is seeking his life.
 - See Romans 12:19-20
- 26:11-12 spear ... jar of water
- The water was Saul's means of survival.
- The spear was his weapon of war.
- Taking these items, David is clearly showing that Saul's life was in his hands.
- This was to be the last time that David and Saul would confront one another.
- Keep reading in 1 & 2 Samuel for the rest of the story.

David Spares Saul's Life Conclusions

- Show people respect whether they deserve it or not.
- Be faithful and let God be your advocate.
- God uses trials for our good.
 - See Psalm 57 & 142
- David had to go through a period of humiliation before he was allowed to take the throne.
- Jesus, the Son of David, did the same for our sakes.
- Final passage: 1 Peter 2:21-25