

1 Samuel 24:1-21

The LORD Forbid

What has the Lord told you not to do in His word, and you do it anyway?

What are you convicted of by God that you ignore?

Is there sin in your life that you keep around though you know it does not honor God?

Do you listen to others who advocate against God, or do you listen to God and His people?

Do you know in your heart that God sees all that you do, both good and bad?

Vs- 1-7 Saul sought David to kill him, because he felt like David was against him. David was for God. David never went after Saul. Our sinful feelings can lead us to bad places. We must seek God.

Saul's spies found David and wanted to kill him. Saul respected and feared David enough to take 3000 men.

It would take many men to track someone, but these were chosen men.

A whole army chasing David; David was protected, because God had chosen him to be the next king.

We can be in a difficult situation, but if God is leading us, we will be okay.

God is over everything. The timing of this and the place where it occurred were ordained by God.

We must trust God - and His sovereignty - and His power and - and His direction. He is over all and helps us.

Luke 18:1-8 The Parable of the Persistent Widow

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Do you seek God and His leadership in your life?

Do you know God is ordaining wonderful things for you?

Do you pray and ask for His leadership?

Though Saul could easily be killed by David, David desired to please God and honor the person in authority over him more than he desired vengeance.

Do you realize that God puts leaders in place? Do you care more about pleasing God than getting even?

1 Timothy 2:2-6 Pray for All People

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

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David felt guilty for even cutting Saul's robe or considering hurting him. David felt like the Lord forbid him to do this, because God put Saul in place.

David cared more about honoring God than anything. This is what drove David's decisions.

Do you seek to honor God over everything else?

David's godly leadership led his men to do the right thing. Do you influence others to do right?

David listened to the Lord. Do you?

Vs 8-15 David showed respect and deference to King Saul.

David was bold and showed his face even though Saul had many men there.

David gave a godly defense of himself. He did not want to kill Saul; he wanted to honor God.

Sometimes, we can listen to our own sinful thoughts or to others who do not love or honor God. We should listen to God and godly people.

We never know what God is doing in our lives or the lives of others. We will never go wrong seeking after God, obeying God, and doing the right thing.

David trusts God. He trusts God's leadership in his life, and he trusts God to judge justly.

Out of a non-Christian or a backslidden Christian comes sin, but out of a Christian living in the Spirit of God comes godly character and righteous actions.

Vs 16-22 By David doing the right thing, Saul was convicted.

When we act in a godly way instead of a worldly way, it impacts others around us. We can point others to God through our godly actions.

2 Corinthians 5:20 *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

When Saul saw David's godly actions, he respected him and knew he would be a good and godly king. This was God's plan all along. Instead of Saul feeling threatened by this, he submitted to it.

Saul did not want to lose his children. David did not act like a normal insecure king. David gave his word he would not kill Saul's line.

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