

Mercy to Saul

1 Sam 24:1-22

1 Sam 24:1-2

Saul with 3,000 of _____ warriors.

David and men _____ in cave.

Powell: *The young captain did not panic. Nearby was a large cave which had been made by centuries of erosion. It had been used by shepherds supplying shade for their sheep...*

1 Sam 24:3

Sheepcotes: Sheep fold—kept _____

Powell: *As he watched the king approaching the cave, death appeared to be imminent. If any man had coughed or sneezed, the enemy would have been alerted, and even the rolling of a small pebble would have been investigated. No man moved while they watched apprehensively as Saul's soldiers arranged a makeshift bed for their leader and then withdrew so as not to intrude upon his privacy.*

1 Sam 24:4 ...men of David said

This is the day of _____ the Lord has talked about.

They saw this as _____ of God.

Psa 34:16

Powell: *... one whispered to David: "Master, here is your opportunity. The Lord has delivered the enemy into your hands. Kill him, and our problems will be over."*

Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.

One of David's _____ victories.

Maintained _____ -control.

Opportune moment to kill his enemy.

If Saul had been in David's shoes--- not hesitated for one moment to plunge a knife into David's heart.

Majority of people in Israel would've rejoiced to see David _____ Saul.

The majority is not always _____.

Mat 5:7 *Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

Powell... *it was better to remember the _____ in his eyes than the blood on his sword.*

1 Sam 24:5-6

His _____ bothers him.

He just did something bad to the king, God's _____.

Is it ever right to do _____ in order to do right?

David respected the _____ of Saul, even though he had lost respect ...

You don't mess with God's _____. Psalm 105:15

1 Sam 24:7-8

Deep gorge called "the Valley of Rocks"

David standing on one side looking at Saul on other side.

1 Sam 24:9

Why do you listen to the people who say I am trying to do you _____?

1 Sam 24:10-11

This little piece of material is proof that I don't want to do you harm ... even though you have done so to me.

1 Sam 24:12

God will decide who the _____ one is.

Be assured that I will not do anything to _____ you.

1 Sam 24:13

Evil deeds come from evil _____.

1 Sam 24:14

Why are you wasting _____ with me.

You are spending your time chasing a man who is as worthless as a dead dog or a _____.

1 Sam 24:15

Let the Lord _____ between you and me.

God is my rescuer ...

1 Sam 24:16

My son, David?

Began to _____

1 Sam 24:17

You have shown me _____.

You returned _____ for evil.

1 Sam 24:18

You could've _____ me.

1 Sam 24:19

This is unheard of.

May the Lord pay you back for the _____ you have shown me this day.

1 Sam 24:20

Obvious to me-- you will be next _____ of Israel

Israel will flourish and be _____ because of your leadership.

1 Sam 24:21

Sware to me by the Lord-- not _____ my family and destroy line of descendents.

1 Sam 24:22

David made the promise, Saul left, and David and his men went back to their stronghold.

Observations

- **David humble in approach (v.14)**

Transparent and honest

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

James 4:6 "God resisteth the _____, but giveth grace unto the humble.

- **David was truthful/honest (vv. 10-12).**

Psalm 15:1-3 Psalm 119:30 Psalm 145:18

- **David showed Saul mercy.**

Truth and mercy—tremendous _____

Psalm 25:10 Psalm 61:7 Psalm 85:10 Psalm 89:14 Proverbs 3:3

Proverbs 16:6 Proverbs 20:28 Proverbs 12:19

Saul's response:

- **Humiliation**—he _____. V. 16

- **Acknowledgement**—David be next _____ of Israel. vv20-22