

The LORD Shall Smite Him

1 Samuel 26

1 Sam 26:1-4

David sent out spies and learned that Saul was for sure come.

People of Ziph betrayed David once before.

Now, do same.

Saul willing to try again.

Saul has one desire—find David and eliminate him.

1 Sam 26:5

Abner: Captain of host under Saul.

Saul's cousin.

And Saul lay in the trench: track or path; in middle of men.

Common custom--high ranking officers put in center and surrounded by soldiers.

1 Sam 26:6

Zer-u-i'-ah--David's sister

Abishai and Joab nephews to David

1 Sam 26:7

Trench: track, path

Bolster: head-rest; pillow

... **spear stuck in the ground**: Customary for captain to stick spear in ground as place would rest and army form circle.

1 Sam 26:8

God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day. Spiritual reason for fleshly act. 24:4

1 Sam 26:9

Not a person on earth mess with God's anointed and get away with it.

Even if leader a murderer and wicked man don't attack him--God's anointed.

Respect his position.

1 Sam 26:10

Let God take care of him in God's time.

David did understand sovereignty of God.

1 Sam 26:11

Spear--leadership

Cruse of water—nourishment

Jamiesson: *The Oriental spear had, and still has, a spike at the lower extremity, intended for the purpose of sticking the spear into the ground when the warrior is at rest. This common custom of Arab sheiks was also the practice of the Hebrew chiefs. ...**Bolster**-- a pillow or head rest for his head...**Cruse of water**:kept near a person's couch, as a drink in the*

nighttime is found very refreshing. Saul's cruse would probably be of superior materials, or more richly ornamented than common ones, and therefore by its size or form be easily distinguished.

1 Sam 26:12

Spear: emblem of power and noble dignity

Cruse of water: symbolic of nourishment

A deep sleep from the Lord: Genesis 2:21--sleep God caused to fall upon Adam

God can immobilize your enemies.

1 Sam 26:13

Hills separated by deep ravines.

1 Sam 26:14

People! Abner! Are you awake? Wake up!

Abner answered --Who is there?

1 Sam 26:15

Abner, you are pretty big stuff in Israel, right?

No one like you in all of Israel

Why did you let your guard down when someone came to kill your king?

1 Sam 26:16

Not good, Abner! You deserve to die because didn't protect master, Lord's anointed.

Look around! Notice spear at head of king and cruse for water are gone!

1 Sam 26:17

Is that you, David...my son?

Yes sir, it is!

1 Sam 26:18

Why chasing me, my lord? What done to deserve this?

David appealed to authority.

A question appeals to conscience.

1 Sam 26:19

If God called you to do this against me let Him accept offering

...but if they be the children of men, If set up by men's deceitful and false lying against innocent man, let them be recipients of curse of God

Let them be destroyed

They have driven me from my home.

Kept me from dwelling among LORD'S people ...

Clark: *His being obliged to leave the tabernacle, and the place where the true worship of God was performed, and take refuge among idolaters, said in effect, Go, serve other gods.*

1 Sam 26:20

*Don't let me die on foreign soil a good distance away from presence of Lord ... **flea, ...hunt a partridge in the mountains.***

In East--when hunting partridge ... chase until tired and couldn't fly... rush upon birds quietly and knock them down with heavy club.

1 Sam 26:21

David, I have sinned! Please come back, my son David.

I have been very foolish man and have done wrong, big time!

1 Sam 26:22

Here your spear, sir! Let one of young men come and get it

1 Sam 26:23

LORD rewards every man for righteousness and faithfulness.

Hey, David knew this , didn't he?

David understood sovereignty of God.

Understood God can move men and mountains to accomplish His will.

but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed.

Thought: another lesson—God blesses righteous living and faithfulness.

1 Sam 26:24

Just as I placed great value on your life today, so may LORD value my life and rescue me from all tribulation and trouble.

1 Sam 26:25 Saul to David-- you do great things and surely triumph.

Returned to his place. To Gibeah of Benjamin.

Notice--none of Saul's army offers to attack or kill David.

So What?

- ✚ Be alert to those who give a spiritual reason for carnal actions
- ✚ Always right to respect an authority's position.
- ✚ Understand that God knows best.
- ✚ God can protect you.
- ✚ Right to appeal to authority
- ✚ God blesses righteous living and faithfulness.