

Saul's Death (Cont.)

2 Samuel 1

2 Sam 1:1-2 ... *and earth upon his head* (clothes trn and dust on head. Sign of deep mourning.)...

2 Sam 1:3

Obvious--come from battle front. Covered with dust and carrying something precious to Saul.

2 Sam 1:4-9 ... *for anguish is come upon me* (Cramps. Thrashing around], *because my life is yet whole in me*. I'm in turmoil because I'm still alive. I'm not dead like I'm supposed to be.

2 Sam 1:10

Obvious to David--major calamity.

Something wrong with report.

Amalekite tells David--Saul unable to put head of sword against open and vulnerable part of his body so I killed him. ...*took crown off head and bracelet off arm ... brought them to you*.

David can't believe what hearing...

2 Sam 1:11-12

No shouting praise or rejoicing heard from David and men.

David still had respect for him as God's anointed.

They rip clothes apart—custom when grieving.

Uncommon today to find Christian who understands principle of authority ...vindictive.

Prov 24:17

2 Sam 1:13-14

How could you gloat in fact that you did damage to God's anointed?

2 Sam 1:15-16

...fall upon him (cut him down).

David might have shown him mercy had he been honest.

Lesson: Lying and deceit will never be tolerated.

Acts 5:1-11 Joshua 7:20-26 2 Kings 5:24-27

2 Sam 1:17-19

...beauty of Israel Jonathan and Saul

High places: Mt Gilboa

Jewish custom- grief expressed in song. 2 Chr 35:25

David teaches us through Psalms to sing during times of emotional stress.

David's song about Saul--says nothing negative about him.

Powell: *When a man meditates upon the unpleasant things of life and remembers the mistakes of other people, he adds to the poisonous thoughts already circulating in his mind.*

2 Sam 1:20

Gath...Askelon Two major cities of Philistines

...lest the daughters of the Philistines ...customary for women to come out of city to meet victorious army singing and dancing

Don't let Philistines know about this tragedy. They will simply publish it and gloat over it, only increasing our sorrow and shame. This has been a horrendous tragedy in Israel.

2 Sam 1:21 *Ye mountains of Gilboa*, place of the death of Saul and his sons

Saul's shield--should have protected him from death...instead stained with own blood.

Hanging in temple of Ashtaroth, goddess of fertility.

Should have been anointed with oil

2 Sam 1:22

Jonathan and Saul died fighting.

Heroes.

Took many of the enemy to the grave with them..

2 Sam 1:23

Women, remember how well Saul treated you!

David wanted only positive things said about Saul.

Powell: *He desired that good things be said about the people of God an attitude that should be an example to everybody. Lying tongues and exaggerated gossip do more harm to the cause of God than any other medium. Unfortunately, when a Christian falls from grace and when his indiscretions are revealed to the public, even his colleagues sometimes prolong the problems by their repetitious talk.*

2 Sam 1:25-26

Roe: *There was a tremendous bond between David and Jonathan...This is the destruction involved in multiple marriages and multiple wives. David had no concept of a one flesh relationship. He had at least five wives at this time. He had another five wives and concubines later on. He had no idea of one flesh relationship with one woman for life. So he had a deeper affection, a closer relationship with a man [This was not homosexuality. This was a brother] than he did with a wife. It is a beautiful picture of Jonathan but a tragic statement on multiple wives.*

2 Sam 1:27 *How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!*