

1Samuel 24

"Keeping a Tender Conscience by Trust in God"

Why doesn't David do the easy thing and kill Saul? Pastor leads his family in tomorrow's "Hopewell @Home" passage. In these twenty-two verses, we find that instead of smiting Saul, David's tender conscience smites him; because, instead of fearing what Saul may do, David trusts what the Lord will surely do.

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1Samuel 24, these are the words of God. Now it happened when solid returns and following the flistons that it was told him saying take note. David is in the wilderness of indeed then salt took three thousand citizen men from all Israel and went to seek David and his men on the rocks the wild goats so he came to the sheepfolds by the road and there was a cave and saw went in to attend to his needs.

David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave. Then the men of David said to him, this is the day of which Yahweh has said. To you behold. I will deliver your enemy into your hand that you may do to him as it seems good to you.

David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe now it happened afterwards that David's heart smokin' because he had cut souls robe and he said to his men he only forbid that I should do this thing to my master you always anoint it to stretch out my hand against him seeing he is the anointed of Yahweh, So David restrained his servants with these words and did not allow them to rise against Saul.

Got up from the K if and went on his way. David also rose afterward went out of the cave and called out to Saul's egg my Lord the king and it's all looked behind him. David stewed to this face to the earth and bowed down and David said to Saul why do you listen to the words of men who say indeed David seeks your arm look this day your eyes have seen that you always delivered you today into my hand in the game and someone urged me to kill you.

But my eye spirit US. I will not stretch out my hand against my Lord for he was for he is always anointed we're over my father. C yes see the corner of your robe in my hand. For in that I cut off the corner of your robe and did not kill you no and see that there is neither evil nor rebellion in my hand.

I have not sinned against you yet you hunt my life to take it. But you always judge between you and me let you always avenge me on you. But my hands shall not be against you. As the proverb of the ancient says wickedness proceeds from the wicked but my in shall not be against you after whom as the king of Israel come out, whom do you pursue a dead dog a flea?

Therefore let Yahweh be judge and judge between you and me and see and plead my case and deliver me out of your hand. So it was when David had finished speaking these words saw the fall said is this your voice my son David. And Saul lifted up his voice left he said to David you are more righteous than I.

And you have rewarded me with good whereas I have rewarded you with evil and you've shown this day how you have dealt with me for when you always delivered me into your end you did not kill me for a man finds his enemy will he let him get away safely, therefore may y'all a reward you with good for what you've done to me this day and now I know indeed that you shall surely be king.

And that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your and therefore swear now to me by Yahweh that you will not cut off my descendants activity and that you will not destroy my name from my father's house. So David swore to Saul went home, but David and his men went up.

To the stronghold. So far the reading of God's inspired and an work. Well here we have a chapter in which we find out one of the great keys to being able to obey the Lord in a difficult place. I was very difficult for David it would have been very easy to take all the pressure off as his running and hiding and constant keeping constant awareness and having to manage this group of men who remember they had started out as many of the worthless men from Israel and all of that was very difficult.

If he wipes out salt then it would solve a lot of problems for him. What's more he had pretty good theological reasoning for doing it often one of the things that keeps the godly from sinning is we know it's wrong but you hear his his servants say saw goes into the cave probably to use the restroom then New King James has cover his says attentive his needs here but it's cover his feet which is probably to use a restroom and his his men say this is the day you always made.

Let us rejoice and kill solid it. They say look this is the day of which you always said to you. I will deliver your enemy into your hand and. So he had good theological reasoning in fact. David does kind of a little test run apparently he was gonna take the corner of the road and then he was gonna smite salt after he figured out that he could do it securely it's like and then and John putting on their camo or camoing up, you know, one of their weapons or something to put it into the woods, I think.

Is out there, can you see it? And so David does a does a test run. He sneaks up. He takes corner of the road. He comes back. But after he comes back notice the text tells us the scripture tells us that he has to restrain his men from going and getting salt.

In other words as men see the corner of the road in their hand and they say aha it works we've got the right camo. He is not attentive enough, his situation was situational awareness is poor we've got him now. But in between his grabbing the corner cutting the corner and coming back instead of David's mighty small.

His heart smoked him. His heart struck him. What a wonderful blessing and tender conscience is from God. And this knowledge that the Lord sees him in this tender conscious before him. That's not just what keeps David from sinning. That's what gives encourage and confidence in doing the right things so that in verse 12 he says let he always judge between you and me and let you always strike you down.

So he's not saying Saul doesn't deserve it. And he's not saying that he's not praying for this to happen. In fact, he prays for it to happen to solve face. But just as he trusts that Yahweh sees what Saul does. He also trusts that you always sees his own situation and so later.

He says a couple verses later verse 15 Yahweh judge. Now we judge between you and me and see and plead my case and deliver me out of your hand. So David trusts that the Lord sees us. All of doing the Lord Season of David is doing the Lord is going to keep his promises the Lord has always going to do right?

You will always make the situation work out. And that's what enables David to keep the fifth commitment. What is proven to the fifth commandment the fifth commitment forbiddath and neglecting of or doing anything against the honor and duty which belongeth to everyone in their several places in relations. Now David has three different relations to salt.

First Saul is his master. David has been hired to be his servant and in the house although sometimes that ended with David's running out all Saul's trying to play pin the servant to the wall. Saul is also his father-in-law. Remember he is married to Saul's daughter and so at one point he says my father and Saul who for a while has been calling David the son of Jesse so that even dug the Edomite picked up the the clue they're picked up the cue sorry and was calling him the son of Jesse and then David is also his subject Saul was his anointed so that's all actually asked several places in relations just to David.

And none of them permit. David to raise his hand against him. And children. So David is enabled to obey the fifth commandment because he remembers his before you always face and that he always trusts that the Lord will bring his promises about that the Lord will do, right? And we trust in the the Lord is going to break is going to make all the circumstances work out correctly.

Freeze us up to just ask the question what does God require of me here? But notice that David also keeps the sixth commandment concerning himself. Because of just because the Lord

is, Working all things out for good and the secret things belong to him but the revealed things going to us and our children that we may obey all God's law to do it does not mean that you should be naive or stupid.

Look at the end of the passage. After Saul has shown this great change of heart who here actually trusts that Saul is now reformed in his behavior and attitude towards David Anyone, nope, not David either right? Because Saul goes home, but where does David go right back to the stronghold?

So it's not trusting God to throw yourself into unsafe situations just because someone says there for you. Okay, that's not trusting God trusting. God is doing what is right in all of your duties. David here doesn't kill Saul but he's not foolish either. And he takes care of his own life and the life of his men.

But let you and I let us have this tender conscience before God knowing that he sees us whether we're actually doing our school or not or our chores or not. Doing things the right way that he knows whether or not we are coloring the truth or telling a lie that he always sees us and that we would have a tender conscience and that our heart would smite us if we start to sin against even into especially if we think we are able to get away with it.

And then, And then in the second place.

Let us trust God with our circumstances so that we can do right to others. And don't be foolish. Right? Let's pray.

Our father in heaven we thank you for this lesson we thank you for how you helped. David to do it as right to maintain. That tender conscience before you. And we thank you that Christ has done so perfectly in our place and we pray that just like you did for David here.

And apply to him some of the character of your son our Lord Jesus making him to trust you making him keep a tender conscience making him to do it as right that you would help us also to trust you to keep attend your conscience and to do it is right.

Forgive our sins we pray for. How continually we do sin against you and yet oh God we thank you for the forgiveness and we thank you for the grace by which you grow us and we ask the two word in Jesus and whose name we pray amen.