

1 Samuel 26:1-25

I. At Hachilah

- A. David is still in hiding, and again the Ziphites (23:19) rat him out.
- B. Yet again, Saul leads an army of 3,000 men to hunt him down. (see Isaiah 28:15, 18)
- C. An "attack" by night (see Genesis 2:21; 15:12; Isaiah 29:10)
- D. David confronts Saul and Abner

II. "I don't know why this stuff is happening to me!"

- A. Why do people hurt us?
- B. Persecution often takes the form of some kind of exile
- C. Persecution may be God's rebuke for sin delivered by human beings.
- D. Persecution may be the undeserved attack of other human beings.
- E. Healthy self-examination and repentance
 - i. always need to be repenting of personal sin
 - ii. sometimes we also need to repent of group sin
 - iii. in order to repent of sin, we need to be well-taught from the Bible
 - iv. in order to repent of sin, we need to have real fellowship with other believers
 - v. let the psalms we sing speak to you (see Psalms 26:1; 18:23; 44:20-22)

III. Restraint

- A. Would it be so wrong? (see 1 Samuel 18:10-11, 25-27; 19:9-10, 15; chapters 21, 23, 24, 26)
- B. David's choice: do nothing
- C. Confidence in God (see Luke 22:42)
- D. We do not have to fix it. We have to obey. (see Luke 4:1-13)
- E. "He shall see and be satisfied." (Isaiah 53:11)