



## Sermon Notes—AM

*The Relentless Pursuer*

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1 Samuel 23:1–29

Studies in 1 Samuel #25

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*Saul's pursuit of David since chapter 18:9 has been relentless. He's tried to kill David himself with his spear; he's tried to have David killed on the battlefield by the Philistines; he's had his spies waiting for David at every turn; and he's now tracking David down himself. In all this, Saul has been the relentless pursuer; but in all this, we learn a beautiful surprise about who really has been in pursuit of David.*

### Saul's Relentlessness

### The Lord's Greater Relentlessness

#### **The Big Picture of 1 Samuel**

*"The overall story of the Bible is how God worked out a plan to save the human race from sin and death. In the OT, this plan was nearly identical with the national history of God's chosen nation of Israel. First Samuel recounts the history of Israel at a very crucial stage of its existence. The crucial development in the nation was its unwillingness to have God as its only king. As we observe this phase of Israelite history, we are led to ponder what kind of rule we need and to conclude that only the eventual Son of David, Christ, is sufficient."—The Literary Study Bible, ESV*

*Theme:* The Lord continues his covenant of grace by transitioning his people from judges to a King, who would represent his people against all enemies and give them rest.

*Outline:*

Samuel (ch. 1–7)

Saul (ch. 8–15)

David (ch. 16–31)