

1Samuel 26

"The Lord Is on His Own Side. Are You?"

Is Yahweh on David's side or Saul's? Pastor leads his family in tomorrow's "Hopewell @Home" passage. In these twenty-five verses, we learn that since the Lord is on His own side, we need to obey His instructions rather than try to accomplish His plans, trust His justice rather than provoke His discipline, and look to please Him who rewards us rather than hoping that men will be pleased enough to reward us.

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First Samuel 26 whole chapter. Now the zipites came to solve saying is David not hiding in the hill of Hakila opposite Yashaman in Solar Rose and went in to the wilderness of Ziff having 3,000 chosen men of Israel with him to seek David in the wilderness of Ziff and Solomon camped in the hill of healer, which is opposite Yeshim on by the road.

But David stayed in the wilderness and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. David therefore sent out spies and understood that Saul had indeed come. So David arose and came to the place where Saul had encamped and David saw the place where Saul lay. An abnormous son of Nerd the commander of his army.

Now Saul lay within the kingdom with the people in camped all around him. Then David answered and said to a Himalayas the Hittite and to Abishai the Son of Zoroia brother of Joab saying, Who will go down with me to Saul in the camp. I never said abish. I said I will go down with you.

So David and Abishai came into the people by night and they're solely sleeping within the camp with his spear stuck in the ground by his head. And Abner and the people they all round him. The Navajai said to David God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day.

Now, therefore, please let me strike him at once with the spear right to the earth. I will not have to strike him a second time. But David said to have a side do not destroy him for who can stretch out his hand against Yahweh's anointed and be guiltless. David said furthermore as Yahweh lives you always shall strike him.

Or his day shall come to die or he shall go out to battle and Paris. Y'all way forbid that I should stretch out my hand against you always anointed, but please take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head and let us go. So David took the spear and the jug of water by Saul's head and they got away and no man saw or knew it or a woke for they were all asleep.

Because a deep sleep from Yahweh. Had fallen on them. And David went over to the other side and stood on the top of a hill far off a great distance being between them and David called out to the people and to abnor the son of nurse saying do you not answer Abner?

An Abner answered and said who are you calling out to the king? So David said to Abner, are you not a man who was like you in Israel? Why then have you not guarded? Your Lord the king. For one of the people came into destroy your Lord the king.

This thing that you have done is not good as Yahweh lives you deserve to die because you have not guarded your master. Yahweh's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is and the chuck of water, that was by his head. Then soul knew David's voice and said is that your voice my son?

David. David said it is my voice. My lord, okay. He said why does my lord thus pursue his servant for what have I done or what evil is in my hand? Now, therefore, please let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If y'all lay his stirred you up against me, let him accept an offering.

But if it is the children of men may they be cursed before you alway for they have driven me out this day from sharing in the inheritance of Yahweh saying go serve other gods. So now do not let my blood fall to the earth before the face of Yahweh for the King of Israel has come out to seek a flea as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains.

Then Saul said I have said return my son David. Fry will harm you no more because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Indeed, I have played the fool and aired exceedingly. David answered and said here is the king's spear. Let one of the young men come over and get it.

May you always repay. Every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness. For you always delivered you into my hand today. But I would not stretch out my hand against you always anointed. And indeed as your life was valued much this day in my eyes. So let my life be valued much in the eyes of Yahweh.

And let him deliver me out of all tribulation. Then Saul said to David may you be blessed my son David. You shall both do great things and also still prevail. So David went on his way. And Saul returned to his place. So far the reading of gods inspired and in everyone.

So the zipites do what zip I to do which is try to get in with good with the king by giving him information to track down and kill David this is the second time that they've done this. And then we have soul camping by the city and David out in the wilderness and the whole camp is all around salt so it's all is at the center of the camp and you got this great big multitude that is sleeping around him and I'm sure in Saul's mind that's pretty safe because it would be impossible to get through there without some money being awake or startling awake or noticing something with that many people to get through and the closer they got to him.

The more. The more David and his men would be unable to get through because as soon as the camp woke up look up David and his men would be surrounded by the can and he could have his goal and execute David probably why him elect the hittite did not volunteer to go in when David said to him alike in Amish.

I will go with me advertise volunteers if I think it's a destruction mission, not a burglary. But David's intent is to burgle the sword not the sword the spear and the jug of water and you have this great big military setup and a similar to when the whole city of Jericho knew that the Israelites were going to come and we know that they knew because rightem says so and Jericho is terrified and you have this great big military setup and,

And the question. Is the same as Joshua asks the angel the Lord who stands before him between outside the city of Jericho right before that battle are you for also for our enemies? And the question that this chapter is really giving answers for on the lips of David is is Yahweh for David or for Saul.

The answer is no. Yahweh is for himself. That's what Abishai didn't understand. That's why when Adversize says this is the day that Yahweh has made. Let us rejoice and steer solid it. And David says, nope. Because you cannot raise your hand against Yahweh's anointed. And be guiltless verse nine.

You cannot raise your hand against you always anointed starts out your hand against you always anointed and be guiltless and David is probably actually talking about himself as you always are going to hear. Remember there are two who are anointed of Yahweh in this chapter David was. Anointed several chapters ago, I think back in chapter 16 or so and his confidence that the Lord will do what he has said through the anointing is he's not just confident the Lord will do it but he's also confident that God will repay Saul for his guilt and stretching his hand out against David and it's possible.

Is there having this conversation in the middle of the camp with all the people asleep? That David is looking at the spear and remembering that that spear multiple times has been stuck in the wall by his head while or by his thorax, you know, thank God saw his aim was off we don't know where it was off but David escaped all the times and he's remembering this is a man who stretched his hand out against me who am he always anointed and y'all will take care of him, however yallway wants to do it and he yeah, he tells Abishai, you know three possibilities, you know, I don't know how he always gonna kill him, but he's gonna kill him.

He's certain that God is gonna kill Saul because Saul has done the very thing that David is tempted to do right now and so the first thing is that our obligation is not to bring about the Lord's plan, but to obey the Lord's commands. Very important for us we are tempted all the time to take the place of God in our lives and try to bring about the result that we want instead of just thinking about what is right.

Oh if I do this then she'll say that or she'll do that. No. Just what does the Lord say about the situation and do that. And let the Lord figure out what he's going to do with it. He's going to do what is right concerning others and he will avenge us.

The Lord David is confident that the Lord will avenge him. And then David also puts his trust in the Lord and not men you notice that. When Saul says oh my son David returned to me and you know, my life was precious in your eyes, your life will be precious in my eyes too.

David David's response is not symmetrical he says, oh yes your life was precious in my eyes because you are always anointed and may my life be precious in. You always eyes. I don't trust I like to be precious in your eyes saw but I do trust my life to be precious in the eyes of the Lord let Yahweh be the one who repays righteousness and faithfulness, I don't want you to remain you do what you will but the reward that I am looking to is the one that the Lord himself will give.

And remember that when things are going well between you and others and perhaps, you know, someone who has been against you and they see that you have been kind and had integrity towards them and not treated them the way that they have treated you and they say oh I'm so sorry.

I see now that I was wrong, come on, let's be friends again, well you can be friendly towards them, but don't put your trust in them. Like David say I wasn't looking to you for my reward. For being faithful and kind and not repaying evil for evil I was looking to the Lord and I'm still looking to the Lord and then you'll have enough wisdom to when they stick out your hand their hand to say okay, let's go back to the palace you say you don't want ahead and then you go back out to the wilderness where you were right isn't that what we see David do at the end of the passage then Saul at the beginning of verse 21, the the main idea of what he had told.

David was returned my son David but in the end of the chapter David went on his way. And Saul returned to his place and so he looks to you all the way first words are you you're obligation is to the Lord you trust in you all way to bring out about the outcomes that are wise and his eyes your job isn't to bring about his plan your job is to obey his commands and third place as you follow him by his grace.

You look to him. For your award and not to others but others do what they will but let the Lord repay you and not so much for your righteousness and your faithfulness although there are rewards for those good works that are done only by grace only by Christ living in you but remember that that repayment by grace is really a repayment that Christ has earned but you always repay Christ for his righteousness and his faithfulness as he gives you rewards that are in accord with the works that Christ.

Produces in you. So very helpful again throughout this entire section of first. Samuel how to trust in the Lord. How to rest in Christ and deal with enemies? I know that. Several of you have been thinking through these things. Lord the Holy Spirit bring to mind this portion of his work and the teaching of it.

So that you can trust in Christ and follow. His word. Our Father in heaven when you thank you that if necessary you can cause a deep sleep to fall upon an entire army so that we don't wake them up but we thank you more than that that we know that you are the one with him we must ultimately deal in primarily deal help us Lord not to try to bring about our plan or your plan but instead to follow your commands.

We do look to you to repay us to reward us from what Christ has done in our behalf and for what we by his grace and in union with him are enabled by your spirit to do. Help us Lord not to to fear the enmity of man nor to hope in the friendship of man.

But to receive all as good from your hand. And help us to have tender conscience. That even when it's easy for us to rationalize. That you have given us this opportunity to take an advantage that we would be unwanted because we are determined to just keep trusting in you.

We thank you for what you did in David. What we thank you most of all that what you were doing in David came from who your son the Lord Jesus is and what he is like and that it is his perfection that you have counted for us. And so we asked these things through him and your children here saying.

Amen.