

## DAVID SPARES SAUL'S LIFE

### I. SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)

### II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

### III. DAVID (1 Samuel 16-31)

- A. David's RISE to PROMINENCE (1 Samuel 18)
- B. David's FALL from Saul's FAVOR (1 Samuel 19)
- C. Jonathan INTERVENES for his dear friend David (1 Samuel 20)
- D. David is a FUGITIVE as he is PURSUED by Saul (1 Samuel 21)
- E. The devastating CONSEQUENCES to David's sin (1 Samuel 22)
- F. God's DELIVERANCE of David (1 Samuel 23)
- G. David SPARES Saul at En Gedi (1 Samuel 24)

#### 1. David's temptation (24:1-4)

- a. King Saul took \_\_\_\_\_ choice men with him to pursue David in the Wilderness of En Gedi.
  
- b. While the king was \_\_\_\_\_ in a cave, David's men coaxed him to take Saul's \_\_\_\_\_ while he had the golden opportunity.
  
- c. Rather than \_\_\_\_\_ King Saul, David instead chose to \_\_\_\_\_ a piece of the king's royal robe.

#### 2. David's conviction (24:5-7)

- a. By David's act of vandalizing the king's garment, he essentially made it \_\_\_\_\_, and because of this he felt heavy \_\_\_\_\_ within his heart.
  - \* What reason did David give to his men for not killing the king (v. 6)?
  
- b. "David \_\_\_\_\_ his servants with these words, and did not \_\_\_\_\_ them to rise against Saul."
  - \* Was Saul aware of any this going on around him (v. 7b)?

### 3. David's vindication (24:8-15)

a. When exiting the cave David immediately showed \_\_\_\_\_ to the man who had been relentlessly trying to \_\_\_\_\_ him, by \_\_\_\_\_ his face to the earth.

b. David put Saul on the witness stand and asked him some \_\_\_\_\_, logical \_\_\_\_\_.

\* What evidence did David bring forth to help substantiate his case (v. 11)?

c. Twice David asked that the Lord would be his \_\_\_\_\_ between the two of them, and that He would \_\_\_\_\_ his case (vs. 12 & 15).

\* Metaphorically David referred to himself as a "dead dog" or "a flea", what did this exhibit (v. 14)?

### 4. David's exoneration (24:16-22)

a. With great emotion Saul \_\_\_\_\_ that David was more \_\_\_\_\_ than he was, and that the Lord had \_\_\_\_\_ him into David's hand.

\* Principle to remember:

b. Saul's humble response to David was, "Therefore may the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ you with \_\_\_\_\_ for what you have done to me this day."

\* What significant confession does Saul personally make to David in the presence of his entire army?

\* Why does Saul's oath to David have a familiar ring to it?

\* How does this chapter apply to your life?