

A FINAL MEETING BETWEEN SAUL AND DAVID

(1 Samuel 26)

I. SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)

II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

III. DAVID (1 Samuel 16-31)

A. The DEATH of God's prophet SAMUEL (25:1)

B. The FOOLISHNESS and SELFISHNESS of Nabal (25:2-13)

C. The WISDOM and INTERVENTION of Abigail (25:14-35)

D. David SPARES Saul's Life AGAIN! (26:1-12)

1. The Ziphites once again _____ David's location to the king, and Saul responded to "_____ " with an army of 3,000 men.

2. The arrangement of Saul's camp, combined with its location, would have provided Saul with maximum _____ and _____ from any enemy.

3. David and one of his men named Abishai made their way through the outer _____ of the camp at night, and even to the _____ area where the king slept.

* What did Abishai ask David to do?

* After the events of chapter 25 and the death of Nabal, what is interesting about v. 10?

4. The heavy slumber of the entire camp can be accredited to a _____ sedation, "because a deep sleep _____ had fallen on them."

E. David APPEALS to the king AGAIN (26:13-20)

1. In the pre-dawn hours, David and his men _____ to another hill which was at a relatively safe distance from the camp; David then called out to _____ Saul's general.

2. In David's taunting of Abner he asked him four pointed questions, and his conclusion was that Abner had _____ to guard the king, and he deserved _____.

3. In v. 17 Saul asked David the _____ same question that he posed in 24:16, "*Is that your voice, _____ David?*"

4. David proposed two possible scenarios in v. 19...
 - a. "If _____ has stirred you up against me—tell me the _____, so I can make an appropriate offering to the Lord and we can _____ our differences."

 - b. "If _____ have stirred you up against me— may they be _____ for doing so; for they have driven me away from sharing in my portion of God's great inheritance."

* Did you recognize David's use of a familiar metaphor from chapter 24?

F. Saul REPENTS and David RESPONDS (26:21-25)

1. When Saul responded to David's remarks, he _____ to three failures on his part...
 - a. "*I have _____*..."

 - b. "*Indeed I have played the _____*..."

 - c. "*[I have] _____ exceedingly.*"

2. In Saul's closing benediction he said to David one final time, "*May you be _____, my son David! You shall both _____ and also still prevail.*"

* How can you apply this chapter in your own life?