

DON'T QUIT

DAVID: A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

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Some of the Doctrines this study covers are:

DOCTRINE OF FRIENDSHIP

DOCTRINE OF LONELINESS

DOCTRINE OF DEMONISM & FALSE DOCTRINE

DOCTRINE OF HUMAN FREEDOM

DOCTRINE OF FEAR

DOCTRINE OF NEGATIVE VOLITION TOWARD DOCTRINE

INTRODUCTION

In this study we will take a look at some of the failures of David to show what kind of people God can use how can God take a man who has made as many mistakes as David and make him one of the greatest believers of all time.

Now David failed many times as a believer!

1) In 1 Sam. 21 (1-10) – David willfully sinned & told a lie. The result of his lie was that an entire city was wiped out (city of nob). David could have gotten very guilty & quit! But a quitter is not a man after God's own heart. You may tell a lie & some people got hurt but David told a lie & a whole city was destroyed.

Now the average believer today would have never been able to handle this. The average believer would run around for the rest of his life with a guilt complex! But not David- he knew grace.

David got up!

He forgot about it & moved on!

God's grace and God's love was more real to him than his guilt. So instead he simply confessed his sin & kept moving forward.

2) David then "faked madness" became a phony. He made the enemy believe he was crazy & as a result hundreds died! 1 Sam. 2 (11-18) thousands were killed in battle because of Satan's temptation of David.

3) Then David failed in responsibility in 2 Sam. 11-1. He should have led his troops in battle but he stayed home in Jerusalem & as a result there was disaster on the battlefield. There was also disaster on the home front of Jerusalem itself. Did he sit around & cry about it the rest of his life - no - he simply got up & moved on.

4) Then while he was in Jerusalem 2 Sam. 11 (2-27) - he ends up in certain "shocking" sins. We see that David committed adultery, he got a man drunk, he committed murder, he lied and committed other sins.

Now, at this point most believers would have stopped & quit - but not a believer after God's own heart. Saul quit & eventually committed suicide! But David did not allow these overt sins to hinder him!

5) In 2 Sam. 6 (1-13) he did not honor the word of God! David enters into the sin of omission and he purposely disobeyed God's command about the ark. He ignored the word of God & men were killed as a result. But he did not quit, he got up & went on.

6) In 1 Chron. 21 – David rejected the promises of God & questioned God. Joab his chief of staff warned him about this unbelief but he did it anyway. And yet even though 10,000 people died, David got up & kept moving.

7) And then of course we have his failure to forgive completely - with Absalom his son. Here's a man, David, who was oriented to grace better than almost anyone in life! But he failed to use grace in regard to one he loved dearly. This is often what happens - sometimes those whom we love the most we treat the worst. This is exactly what David did to his son Absalom. But David didn't let his sins & failures keep him down and this is what makes a believer – great. David always rebounded - no matter what. David forgot & moved on, he didn't cry about it. This is what made David a man after Gods own heart. David knew the doctrine & applied the doctrine when guilt came.

In essence, David believed Bible Doctrine.

DAVID'S FAMILY

A. During David's fugitive years, he had two wives.

1. Ahinoam of Jezreel, and by her a son Amnon, who was trouble.
2. Abigail, and by her one son, Daniel (Chileab).

B. When David became king of Judah he picked up a number of other wives.

1. Maacah, and from her Absalom and Tamar.
2. Haggith, and from her son Adonijah.
3. Abital, and from her son Shephatiah.
4. Eglah, and from her the child Ithream.
5. Michal.
6. 2 Sam 3 cf 2 Sam 5 shows that David had six wives and ten mistresses.

C. Women were protected by being in the homes of prominent men. David had more wives after moving into Zion and he had more children. However, the wives' names are never given, only the names of the children: Ibhar, Elighama, Eliphelet, Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishua, Eliada, Jerimoth, 2 Sam 5:13-16. David had sex with many women; having a harem is not condoned by the Word of God.

D. Bathsheba had four sons: Solomon, Shammua, Shabab, and Nathan (and one child that died).

E. It was not the oldest son, Amnon, nor David's favorite son, Absalom, who succeeded David on the throne. Adonijah was the most talented and along with Absalom led revolutions which failed. Absalom murdered Amnon for raping Tamar. Solomon and Nathan were the most prominent sons.

F. David never settled down with one woman and was not faithful to one woman until he found his right woman, Bathsheba.

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1 Samuel 21

So now, instead of changing women David changes geographical locations. And he is going to one of the safest countries in the world, Philistia. Not only is Philistia a safe city but it was a beautiful city filled with beautiful views of mountains and water. It was beautiful and the climate was great.

Now one of the main reason David had problems was because of his inability to handle loneliness. Loneliness is one of the greatest human

dilemmas. Most psychologists believe loneliness to be the result of undefined anxiety. We call that being edgy, irritable, or a bundle of nerves, i.e., uptight. Many are lonely and don't know how to deal with it. Their faces may have smiles on them and their attitudes may seem okay during conversation but they are indeed lonely.

Many people can produce laughter, but laughter is often just an emotional expression of a deep inner need. Psychiatry has labeled loneliness as a form of anxiety and that conformity to society, the common escape route.

Loneliness causes people to conform to the herd so they will not feel left out. For the believer, human loneliness becomes characterized by a driving spirit, demanding subtle but constant fulfillment. It is this unfilled drive that forces people to conform to the world and to its escape routes.

When human loneliness comes in we need to deal with it according to doctrine or else depression will set in. There are four types of depression:

- 1) Mental attitude depression in which the individual will be in a state of sorrow and self pity.

- 2) Passive depression, which is when the person becomes very passive toward the necessary functions of life with no initiation.

- 3) Aggressive depression, when the person becomes very violent in his reactions.

- 4) Moody depression, which brings about a very negative and complaining, critical person.

A believer who allows this depression to go undealt with is making a provision for serious problems down the road. The lonely person then

becomes a miserable person. In fact, to the lonely believer, Christianity appears to be only another temporary source of relief, similar to the world's provision of escapism.

Now, a person can only deal with loneliness and its anxiety to the extent that his value system outweighs the strength of the threat. Therefore as a man faces life, he encounters many threats which have the potential to produce tremendous anxiety. Loneliness is one of those threats.

The question is whether or not your value system is strong enough to meet the threat. Man's loneliness and anxiety is the result of emptiness, aimlessness, and purposeless life. The question of loneliness overcoming the child of God is a very complicated one. How can one who possesses the dwelling place of the H.S. and TLJC become the victim of loneliness.

He has the word of God, the love of God and the grace of God at his immediate disposal. It so happens that anxiety that is undefined can rob the believer from inheriting the blessings of God and can produce loneliness.

Remember every person faces anxiety by the fact that he is alive and undefined anxiety can be caused by negative decisions that the believer makes. If the anxiety is not defined than the real problems is undefined so it follows the effects will also be undefined. It's at this point the believer says I do not know why I did that. A believer can conform to Christianity outwardly but lack inward transformation these believers are the most difficult people to help. Their problem of loneliness remains undiagnosed, covered up and disguised by outward changes of conformity.

Gen 2:18

"Help meet" = someone to aid, help and respond. It is the general opinion

that loneliness is the result of undefined anxiety in a person's life. If loneliness is not properly dealt with a person will eventually be led into the cosmic system of Satan. Remember, 2Co 4:4, he blinds the minds of men from the truth concerning Jesus Christ. Many people outwardly appear to be doing great yet suffer continuously from loneliness. What is loneliness. Webster says a state of being cut off from others. A feeling of separation. Because of this type of anxiety many conform to society as the common escape route.

Joh 16:32-33

Many are driven to conforming to the world because they don't know how to handle their loneliness. Loneliness causes people to conform to the world or herd so they will not feel left out. This principle can be illustrated best by the average teenager. The average teenager is anxious... anxious for identity, success, their occupation, to be loved, to find a mate and so on. And so they either conform to the world or else try to escape from the world with proud or insecure attitude. They become anti-social etc. or pursuits that which makes them acceptable to the majority. He loses his identity and develops a pseudo personality with no individuality

This all happens because he chooses to fulfill his loneliness by conforming to the cosmic world system, Rom 12:2. The teenager goes to college because everyone else does. He may start taking drugs or drinking to be accepted as part of a social group. All to avoid loneliness. Unfortunately for the teenager, the average parent is in the same condition and therefore cannot help. Caught in the trap of conformity these people become unwilling slaves to the world's evil system. This is just another trap to conform to the cosmos is to take on its pain, frustration and disappointment. This is why the Bible says in 1Jo 2:15-16.

Sin and temporal pleasure many times is just an expression of a persons inability to overcome loneliness. loneliness can become an unfulfilled drive that forces people to conform to the world and its escape routes.

When a person becomes lonely there is a danger for them to strive to become accepted. They become men-pleasers rather than God pleasers. The question of loneliness overcoming the child of God is a very confusing one. How can one who possesses the dwelling place for the H.S. and TLJC become a victim of loneliness. First, it has to do with the way one things. Col 3:2; Heb 12:5; Mat 28:20

Now, according to 2Pe 1:4 we can literally partake of the nature of God through His precious promises. When human loneliness comes in we need to deal with it according to doctrine or else depression will set in. Every person will face anxiety and loneliness by virtue of the fact that he is alive. One of the first effects of loneliness is that our mind is not free and available to receive from God.

loneliness blinds the mind from God's spiritual provisions and his divine solutions. This type of person may hear the word of God continually and not be affected. When loneliness is not dealt with it usually leads to depression. Depression comes in many forms. For instance there is the mental attitude depression of Ecc 2:17; 4:1-2. The individual is in a state of sorrow and self pity hence withdrawing from society. loneliness masquerades behind many costumes it creates, depression, anger, guilt, poor self image, suicide, psychological and physical illness. Recently in the last twenty five years certain poles have been taken with astonishing results. Under the subject of M.A. depression ie comes from loneliness consider the following pole!

In mental hospitals with problems in the mind there were five classes of men:

- 1) Married (22)
- 2) Widowed (97)
- 3) Divorced (237)
- 4) Separated (215)
- 5) Single (550)

Men with partners were in the minority since they had someone to occupy their time with and fight with.

In the female category we have:

- 1) Married (31)
- 2) Widowed (51)
- 3) Divorced (150)
- 4) Separated (193)
- 5) Single (297)

These statistics all held through for juveniles and the elderly. Mental attitude depression is the result of loneliness. But note the statistics, women are mentally stronger than men.

This is why it is becoming increasingly difficult to share the most basic of all human truths. People desperately need each other. People need people children don't need videos, it appears that the individuals supported by love and family can cope much better with the stressful situations of life.

What I'm saying to you is that loneliness (a lack of companionship) is a killer. Two-thirds of the hospital beds being occupied at this moment in the

U.S. are occupied by mental patients. In fact, two-thirds of the seats in this church at this moment are being occupied by mental cases.

Passive depression, Pro 4:20-23

The person becomes very passive toward the natural necessary functions of life. No goals, no purpose, no initiation in life. The person neglects their body, their physical appearance, and their health. It's interesting that in Cambridge, at Harvard University reported the death rate for males in cases of heart attacks are as follows:

- * Married - 318
- * Single - 468
- * Widowed - 593
- * Divorced - 603

In cases of cirrhosis of the liver caused by alcohol:

- * Married - 318
- * Single - 71
- * Widowed - 87
- * Divorced - 132

and they were all Irish!

The females were the same. The lonelier people were the more psychological and physiological problems they had. Almost in every case the married individual had better health, lived longer and had a sound mind. We had a couple in the ministry recently get married and after a month or so she wrote to me to tell me that marriage wasn't as bad as I had said it to be.

When I joke about marriage or point out what the apostle Paul said about the problems that come with it, it is not to say that there is something wrong with marriage! On the contrary it is a fine creation of Gods!

loneliness has proven to be a killer and does intensify the possibility of disease.

In fact, the very word disease has the connotation of emotional and mental disorders, DIS - EASE, Psa 142:7.

And so passive depression is very serious as well. Many medical professions are now claiming that 80 to 85 percent of illnesses are caused by disorders of the mind. It makes one wonder how many heart attacks, early deaths, diseases and cancers are caused by the mental attitude problems such as loneliness.

Pro 4:20-23

But even though it acts as a disease, loneliness is not a disease but a decision. Yes, it does cause discomfort, sickness and death but loneliness is a decision based upon the fear of love. We are lonely because of our fear to love and be loved.

Aggressive depression is found in Mat 27:3-5 in Judas.

This person affected by loneliness becomes very violent in his reactions, e.g., Saul. The aggressive stage of depression is very dangerous because people lose their values in life including their own. Let's go back to our pole. The death rate for suicide among men was as follows:

- * Married - 27
- * Single - 48
- * Widowed - 133
- * Divorced - 94

Homicide i.e., by the way many times is self induced

- * Married - 55
- * Single - 86
- * Widowed - 168
- * Divorced - 159

For females the suicide rate is:

- * Married - 9
- * Single - 11
- * Widowed - 18
- * Divorced - 26

In correctional institutions for males

- * Married - 12
- * Single - 103
- * Widowed - 84
- * Divorced - 215
- * Separated - 186

For the females the ratio was the same. (But remember there are more females in the world than males.

What I'm saying to you again is that loneliness is a killer. loneliness is an unhappy combination of anxiety and insecurity, fear of rejection and failure. Generally the victims of loneliness feed on the worry that they are unloved, unwanted, and ignored. Because of this a book was printed by a British publishing company titled *A Guide To Self Deliverance*. This 10,000 word manual explains clearly how to commit suicide. The request for the book tripled the amount that was printed. The loneliest people in the world are those who have decided to stop loving, including themselves. In

fact, lonely people not only feel themselves to be without love but also have a difficult time loving themselves.

To be lonely again, is a choice. We may sometimes say that we have good reasons for doing so but it's still a choice.

Moody depression, Phi 2:14. At this stage of depression the person becomes very negative, they murmur, complain, and become very critical. A believer who allows this depression to go undealt with is making a provision for serious problems down the road. The lonely person then becomes a depressed and miserable person. In fact, even Christianity can become just another temporary source of relief similar to the world's provision of escapism. The results, when the lonely person is not given attention it's time to church hop again. The lonely person always becomes subjective. They may sometimes feel they have good reasons for feeling lonely but whatever reasons they have, they chose them. Victims feel lonely and it is because they have allowed themselves to be hurt to the point that they actually believe it's all their fault.

It's interesting that one of the penalties for sin in the leper was loneliness, Lev 13:46. Most of the problems we face today from loneliness are self induced. loneliness is driving people crazy, it's terrorizing the family unit, it actually kills millions of people each year and is a taste of *hell*.

A person will never be able to overcome these depression which stems from loneliness until he learns to become successfully involved with others. Man is essentially alone and lonely and he cannot be delivered by someone else, he needs to do some loving. It is the fear of love which is the root cause that separates us from one another. We are lonely because of our fear to love.

The fear to love is the basic foundational fear which really causes us to be insecure about...

- 1) Our identity (loving who you are)
- 2) Our inadequacy (loving what you do)
- 3) Our intimacy (loving others)

One of the main reasons for loneliness is the absence of intimacy.

This all reveals that loneliness is not a disease, it's a decision. And since it is a decision and not a disease there is hope!

loneliness is the result many times of those who try to avoid the pains of relationships. And so if a decision or series of decisions make one lonely then a decision or series of decision can relieve that loneliness. In reality, loneliness can never be dealt with unless Pro 18:24 is practiced. A person will never be delivered from loneliness unless he learns how to love others as himself. This is the importance of soul winning. Lord, what is the most important thing on your mind before you ascend into heaven, Mat 28:20; Mar 16:15; Luk 24:47; Joh 20:21; Acts 1:8

The endless search in loneliness...

Remember loneliness is a form and a sign of anxiety. A person can only deal with anxiety when his value system is big enough to handle the problems. It takes a tremendous value system to handle loneliness, Heb 4:12

Basically man's problems are centered around his independence from God. Man is ambitious and proud which is revealed by his independence from God. The foolishness of his independence from God is that he is true not in

control of anything around him. In fact, his natural mind is unaware that it is being governed by the kingdom of darkness and controlled by the external forces in the atmosphere. When a person refuses to accept the authority of God's kingdom the inevitable result is that he is helpless and blinded. Satan's own strategy of pride and independence from the authority of God is revealed in 2Co 4:3-4

The natural man does not understand that his loneliness originated in Gen 3 when man fell. Man became anxious when he heard the voice of God and his anxiety led him to hide from God in his loneliness.

Anxiety is inevitable for anyone who lives in a temporal value system. A person's only hope for a meaningful existence is to learn to deal with anxiety. And he will never come up with a solution to this problem on his own. You see man's problem is rooted in a system that he has no control of... the cosmic system of Satan. This cosmic world value system consists of desires, drives and values that are in total opposition to God. 1Jo 2:15-16

You have an option. You have a choice. Either live in the cosmic system of Satan or the divine plan of God. For the believer, his value system and frame of reference is derived from the word of God. The believer will have natural lust drives and emotional emptiness but has the potential to be free from them. Joh 8:31-36

The believer doesn't have to conform to the world system and lust fulfillment. Be very careful when you find yourself more into health spas, styles, dress, music, etc.

Your drive to be loved and recognized can be very dangerous with lifetime scars. What is therefore the believer's alternative? The believer's alternative is the transformation of his mind relying on his adoption and the plan and

purpose of God. This will lead the believer to turn from cosmos conformity to a life with meaning and eternal and unchanging values.

This eternal standard for the believers life is found in Rom 12:1-3.

The unsaved, natural man has no alternative but to continue in his submission to the kingdom of darkness. The believer can know the will of God and therefore his purpose or reason for living. So, many live like Solomon, in total emptiness seeking after vain things as their god. the unbeliever's emptiness is to lead him to the gospel. The believer's emptiness is to lead him to doctrine. many mistake emptiness for loneliness or as Joh 1;16 says we can receive fullness which is that which fills up an empty space

Solomon wrote a book known as Ecclesiastes. In that book he describes the search of the natural man for satisfaction and happiness for the sake of having that emptiness and loneliness dealt with.

he says in Ecc 1:12-18 it is not to be found in the acquisition of wisdom

Ecc 2:1-3 nor is it to be found in worldly pleasure

Ecc 2:4-6 nor in arts, music or nature

Ecc 2:7-11 nor in great possessions

But in his conclusion of the book he said here is the solution... be occupied with the Lord and guard His doctrines in your heart.

Without God and His word with purpose and meaning dwelling in our heart, our life is empty, lonely, and vain, Psa 39:5b; 39:11; 62:9.

You see, man's life is vain and empty without Christ and for the believer it's vain and empty without doctrine.

Jam 4:14

Loneliness is simply a manifestation of what one preacher said, Ecc 1:2

Seeking after pleasure is vanity, Ecc 2:1, even childhood and youth experience this vanity and emptiness, Ecc 11:10

When the believer lets Phi 2:5 happen the believers deliverance from anxiety leads him to deliverance from loneliness. This standard of living is very fulfilling.

Every challenge in life can be met including death, when we live according to doctrine. Many are lonely because they have no security. Those that should be faithful to them may not be so loneliness and feelings of rejection set in. A woman at this point becomes either depressed or aggressive. A man becomes either proud or reactionary. God wants you to have an abiding security and a hope that goes far beyond the needs of your human desires. The reason that believers often fail to be transformed and renewed by doctrine is their failure to become a living sacrifice. They refuse to yield, obey and completely surrender to Him as Lord. A believer who refuses to accept eternal values and continues to rely on temporal values is natural in his thinking.

Therefore loneliness is the production of the carnal mind. Many believers today are under the dominion and control of the kingdom of darkness in spite of his eternal provisions.

what are the divine provisions granted to each believer to solve the problem of loneliness?

1) The indwelling of the Holy Spirit, Eph 1:14

- 2) The indwelling of Jesus Christ, Joh 14:20
- 3) Adoption into the royal family, 1Pe 2:5
- 4) A pastor teacher to communicate truth, Eph 4:11
- 5) The doctrine of privacy of the believer priesthood, Rom 14:4
- 6) Many doctrinal promises for guidance, Psa 119:105
- 7) Being a member in particular, 1Co 12

Turn to Luk 9:57-58

In Luk 9:57 Jesus discerned his motive of seeking security and immediately dealt with his problem in vs 58

He told him not to depend on him for temporal security. And so having his desire for security unfulfilled, the man decided not to follow Him.

This man desired to fill up his loneliness with the things of the world. Then in vs 59 he said to another, follow me

But the man said, Lord permit me first to go and bury my father. This man desired to follow Christ but would not allow Christ to fill the void in his soul

He decided to fill up his loneliness through attachment to human relationships. His emotional attachments to human relationships prevented him from experiencing the inner freedom of discipleship. Attachments to any relationship on earth, whether father, mother, sister, etc. will never solve the problem of true loneliness. This is not to discredit the sacredness of the home and family but to put it in its right perspective.

A disciple cannot be characterized by emotional attachments, because that

involves conformity to the world's system. Even friendship can be over emphasized. Friendship is a blessing and a provision but it must never be permitted to replace the priority of Christ's Lordship.

The test of true friendship is whether it honors the word without compromising and if it builds up believers in the body. Friendship is not to be used as a support system for loneliness but for a fellowship which communicates love. True friendship does not center around self-gratification nor personality rapport but proper friendships result in doctrinal rapport. People often seek gratification and fulfillment through friendships or relationships. The solution is really found in 1Jo 3:16

Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends, Joh 15:13

The word of God is the basis for friendship not the fulfillment of the need for support, security and companionship. And so the restlessness of loneliness and anxiety can be dealt with by Rom 8:28

When a believer is confident in the love and favor of God he realizes God is at work. God is always at work in the believer's life.

Because the word of God is pure (Pro 30:5) and it brings light into the soul (Psa 119:130) loneliness can be identified and overcome.

Joh 12:24-26

The absolute solution for loneliness is the recognition that Jesus Christ is Lord, Phi 1:21.

We need a total surrender. A surrender of the human mind, body and soul.

As Joh 12 states, we must choose to either abide alone in the darkness of undefined anxiety or lose our life for Christ. Loneliness is a decision based upon the fear of love. In order to counteract loneliness and all of its masquerades another decision is necessary, a decision to love and be loved. To live with purpose and meaning we must learn to use things and love people not love things and use people.

When true love is unable to emerge and pseudo love reigns in your life and relationships, loneliness appears and it intensifies.

What stops many from entering into true love is selfishness. The pain of loneliness is so great that there is a tremendous urge to turn inward to ourselves. Selfishness is one kind of greediness, greed is a bottomless pit, you can never satisfy the selfish greedy person. The selfish person is always restless, always driven by the fear of not getting enough of missing something or being deprived of something.

The selfish person is filled with burning envy of anyone who might have more. This type of person is basically not fond of himself at all, but deeply dislikes himself. Selfish people only love people and things that can do something for them. Selfishness will eventually lead to self-hatred which is the beginning of a sad and self-destructive life of loneliness. A person involved with selfishness and loneliness will end up living in a fantasy world.

Usually when a man and a woman first fall in love it is not with the reality of the other person but with a projection of what a loved one should be. Carl Jung says that every man carries his Eve in himself. This means that every man carries in his subconscious the image of what a lovable woman is. Likewise every Eve carries her Adam within her self, this is why certain

men fall for certain types of women and vice-versa. (i.e., standards of the soul)

The ideal image may, in some cases, have very little relationship to the real person. the problem is that if the person insists on keeping the ideal image and make the other person conform to it, he will love only an image, only a projection. He will never get to know the other person. To be released from the pains of loneliness we must learn to experience true love, not pseudo love.

1Sa 27:1

Remember from Psa 7, David at this time is disillusioned, Saul kept after him. He was bored, discouraged, living in self pity and then that great danger of loneliness came in. I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul

Loneliness and frustration now is causing David not to think doctrine. Remember the principle, what God does not remove, He means for us to endure.

there is nothing better for me is a an idiom for I have tried it God's way and it hasn't worked, now I till try it my way. As you can see self-pity and frustration are prevalent.

And so now David looks for what many look for when they're bored, lonely, discouraged or disillusioned... a change of environment.

he said, I have to get away, I can't handle it anymore. David is thinking human viewpoint. For instance he thinks a change of environment will

solve the problem. He assumes in Philistia he will not be bored, frustrated, nor filled with self pity. He also assumes he will have what he doesn't think he has in Israel, security. And so David says I should Speedily) escape (to deliver myself)

David is saying I've had it, I'm tired of this. He is tired of having Saul upon his back. Are you tired of the Saul that is upon your back? Next David says and Saul shall despair of me (he'll leave me alone)

David's thinking is now very introspective. He is very self-oriented. Human viewpoint thinking just adds fuel to the fire of panic, fear, depression, self-pity and insecurity. David is letting the actions of men dictate to him instead of the will of God. If you as a believer, are being bullied, persecuted, pushed around, that pressure should not dictate to your decision making. The will of God should and the will of God is constantly available through doctrine. Change of faces or changes of environment will not solve David's problems, only doctrine in the soul will.

David will intensify his problems rather than solve them. When you seek to change things from without before you change things from within you merely intensify your problems.

1Sa 27:2

Now, guess who is in trouble now?

Achish, the King of Gath. Why? The last people you ever want on your side are those who were discontent in another place. When brother David joins Achish his problems have just begun.

Pro 24:21

Once David joins the Philistines, King Achish has nothing but problems. It's like having Jotham on the boat or Achan in the camp (Joshua 7)

King Achish will have problems with the Amalekites and even with his own army. And little does Achish know that David is about to wipe out women and children in his own land. In fact, David will attack certain tribes which were enemies of Israel but tell King Achish it was the Jews he attacked. This is the reason he takes none captive.

David became the captain of the body guards for the King of Philistia and helped preserve the life of one who was the enemy of God. If we doubt God we will end up being numbered among his enemies, 1Sa 27:2

David's real problem is wherever he goes his soul goes and therefore he takes his problems with him. He is going to the world for help. He is joining an enemy that he already conquered. Under the pressure of trials, relief is what the flesh desires most and running away unfortunately is relief for most. As we studied in Acts, there is a time to run.

1Sa 27:3

dwelt - means to sit down and enjoy yourself.

Gath is filled with idols and temples. Gath is filled with the phallic cult. The phallic cult was a religion that worshipped the phallus. Gath is your typical Greek city worshipping the things and pleasures of the world. David is enjoying himself to the utmost and very happy, so he thinks.

David is now involved with idolatry and idolatry is forbidden in Exo 23:24, and David knew it! Idolatry is said to be spiritual adultery and an attack on our love toward God, Jer 3:8-10; Eze 16:23-43. Mental idolatry always

occurs before spiritual idolatry, Jud 2:10-13; Eze 14:7. Idolatry of mind, precedes idolatry of practice.

Idolatry in the believer is caused by rejection of Bible doctrine, Rom 1:18-25

False doctrine and doctrine of demons enter the soul of those who reject doctrine. idolatry is related to sexual sins in Eze 22:3-18. Idolatry leads to national judgement, Isa 2:8; Jer 3:6-11. So David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men.

Later some of these men will be influenced by Gath and become sons of Belial. take a look for a moment at 1Sa 30:22

1Sa 27:3

Now, here is the other problem, David brought his problem with him, he didn't solve his problem. even David with his two wives.

Note that David is still involved with polygamy and that change of environment didn't solve the problem.

ahinoam the Jezrelites and Abigail the Carmelites, Nabal's wife.

Notice next that when everything is going smoothly the next enemy starts to harass him. He is out of the will of God. 1Sa 27:4

Saul stopped searching for him. Once David has ignored the word of God. Saul no longer seeks to destroy him. Saul fought David as a super grace mature believer but Saul has no problems with David now that he is like Saul. Saul has accomplished what he wanted and that was not to kill David

but to discredit him in life. Now why does David seem to be so inconsistent? One moment he is a great example to us of a man living in the righteousness of God. The next moment he is making serious negative decisions. These things are not written to excuse our own faults but to humble us by the realization that the same evil nature indwells us.

I believe that question can be answered best by Psa 87:7 when the writer said all my springs are in Thee

Without the life of God flowing through us at best we are filthy and wicked.

Jesus said in Joh 15:5 without Me you can do nothing

There are two things that interrupt our fellowship with God, carelessness and prayerlessness.

therefore the supply of daily strength ceases. Jesus said abide in Me.

Isa 40:31

They shall mount up with wings as eagles they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint

David's decisions were made because he entertained wrong thoughts. He allowed himself to be tempted by sin and negative thinking. This is why in our Lord's prayer he said, lead us not into temptation

Jam 13:16

You are being led into temptation whenever you are led to think about sin and what it would be like

1Sa 27:5

Here is another lie just like 1Sa 21:1

His real motive was to move out of observation and control.

that I may dwell there

dwell - to dwell in happiness or to dwell in prosperity

And already David is beginning to see that a change of environment or geographical location was not the answer

Now at this point we are going to begin to see what we saw briefly during David's first back-slidden experience.

David is a great leader because he knows men. He knows when he is being hustled and he knows when he is being conned. Because of this when David is in a backslidden state he is one of the greatest of all strap on artist or con-artists.

To be a great con-artist there are certain things one should have. David was handsome, it helps to be handsome when you are straping one on. Naturally when a woman is a strap-on artist it's better to be beautiful. David was not only handsome but he was very well built and he had a fantastic personality

It is better to be a pure con-artist than a good looking, well built personality. And David sure fits that description. So, David says in verse 5 that he wanted a town somewhere in the country then next he tells why.

For why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee

He uses the word dwell again to imply that it's been so wonderful just being in the royal city with the king. A lot of ignorant Christians would say that David is being humble when he says why should I dwell in the royal city with the king. David is not demonstrating brotherly love or international friendship. David is interested in one thing, laying it on thick to the king.

Watch out for the play-actors, the fakers, the connivers, con-artists, wolves in sheeps clothing.

In fact, were it not for the rest of the passage, if we had stopped right here you wouldn't realize what a great con-artist really is. He said in vs 5b for why should your slave dwell in the royal city with thee?

All David is doing is using Achish. One of the greatest principles in the function of a strap on artist is that he must use people. And in order to use people the con-artist says things and creates an image which is pleasing to the one he is conning. King Achish is the victim and David is the con-artist. David has created an image to the king that he is anti-Jewish and that he will no longer have anything to do with Israel. He must also create an image that he is now pro-Greek or pro-Philistine. However, the idolatry of the Philistines and their worship just do not sit to well with David and he realizes he must get far away from Gath.

The only way he can leave Gath is to con the king to allow him to move. David is trying to convince the king that he is a person of lower class. David is actually saying, 'You're such a great and noble person, king Achish, that I just simply feel I cannot live in the presence of such a great man.'

So David is certainly an image of inferiority concerning himself and at the same time build upon Achish so that he will have a blind side. David has a great personality which gives him sincerity which causes people to really believe him because he is sincere. A lot of the strap-on is in the voice and by the way David has a fantastic voice, very sincere and convincing.

If you have a good voice and can flow swiftly with words it's easy to become a strap-on artist. A lot of people are simply tone conscious, they love the sound of certain voices. (e.g. Kathleen Turner)

And so David realizes he has got to get out of there. 1Sa 27:6

Ziklag was a city, a very beautiful sight for a city. Actually Ziklag was an area filled with three famous Arab tribes. These Arabs are pirates and raiders who live in this area with great protection No one wanted to live in Ziklag and so Achish suggested Ziklag since n one was interested in living there. So, David took it and it still belongs to David and his family.

1Sa 27:7

Now, David is in a desert and realizes he is no longer receiving food and supplies from King Achish. So he sent out some patrols and discovered to the south of him that all the Arab tribes were not protecting their northern fronts. The reason being, the Arab tribes trusted King Achish. So now David is going to try and get rich and make his fortune for himself.

Now, God has millions of dollars for David. God has a kingdom for David and a great promotion. But, David who is out of the will of God, is trying to do it all himself. David is now going to try to build his own kingdom but he

is building a kingdom on deceit and false lies.

1Sa 27:8 And David and his men went up and invaded the Geshurites and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites

He did this for 16 months

invaded pashat = includes stealing property, raping woman, and brutal killings.

David's army is definitely out of hand. And so David and his men went up and invaded the Geshurites. He did such a good job on the Geshurites that they are no longer in existence. David would come down to a camp such as the Geshurite camp and then make an attack. You see, David and his men were dressed in Philistine clothes so these tribes were not prepared for the attack. they thought that David and his men were friends. So naturally they were not alert and the men, women and children were all killed. Then David and his men would take all the cattle and all the treasures and haul it back to Ziklag.

That is so very mean of David!!

Then David his men would take all the cattle and all the treasures and haul it back to Ziklag.

Ziklag became like a pirates ship filled with great treasure. And yes this is the same David who would not make war on women and children. Only he is backslidden. And so David wiped out he Geshurites and the Gezhurites and the Amalekies for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land as thou goest to Shur even unto the land of Egypt.

Look at 1Sa 25:14-16, remember David's army, their integrity and courtesy. but now like the leader, the men are without integrity. The men have become like their leader. The same group who before was so noble are now brutally killing men, women and children, and for the simple reason of personal gain. There are two natures in all of us. One that comes out in backsliding and one that comes out in the will of God. So, all these people with David are backsliden reversionists.

How did this happen? Answer, one man decided to abandon trust in God and use his own ability as a con-artist.

2Sa 28:9

He wiped out the human beings he didn't preserve people but did preserve animals and all the wealth.

Now, he didn't get all the people of al the tribes a lot of them were away invading other lands. For example, one group of Amalekites were down in Egypt raiding and when they came back and found their villages destroyed they freaked out.

Their village had been destroyed. Their wives hand been raped and beaten. Their children had been massacred, nothing was left alive. And they said who did it?! who did it?! And it took them nearly 16 months to find out who did it.

But when they found out they hit and they hit with a vengeance! So, these inhabitants of the land are suffering some terrible shocking things. how can these people who are in an alliance with King Achish and the city of Gath

put a stop to this? Answer: they can't. Why? Dead men tell no tales. dead women tell no tales and dead children tell no tales.

And guess what the con-artist David is going to do with some of the cattle and camels and treasures that he stole? He is going to give them to King Achish. Now notice what the first thing King Achish says...

1Sa 27:10 And Achish said whither have ye made a road to day?
Where have you been David and where did you get all these things? Well you know the strap on artist is not going to tell the truth. (Zech 7:9)

He is just going to strap it on heavier. He mentions three tribes. And please notice how a con-artist always likes to mention a little truth with his lies.

And David said against the south of Judah and against the south of the Jerahmeelites and against the south of the Kenites.

And of course David is going to realize that the King wants to know where are the ladies and the slaves so its says

1Sa 27:11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath.

I can just imagine David saying I hate these Jews so much that I told my men to put a sword through all of them. you will never see any Jew in this court King Achish, I'll kill them all. And boy I bet Achish was real impressed. You see, David was really strapping on over the king and he was becoming a millionaire while doing so.

David had really come up with a scheme, a scheme that took a lot of nerve.

And by the way a con artist must have a lot of nerve. That is why the ladies are usually drawn by the con artist because the ladies like the excitement or the nerve. I mean the first time that he saw the little children eating cookies and drinking milk and then ordering his men to kill them. I'm sure it was hard. But he got use to that in a hurry even tho it was against his morals. You see, a good strap on artist always compromises his own standards.

David's heart is now beginning to become so hard that his conscience is being destroyed. Let's get some principles down.

For 16 months David conned King Achish.

Achish thought that David loved and admired him.

He is even going to make David and his men his body-guard.

David and his men now have all the things associated with happiness such as money, success, promotion, good weather, materialism, good social standing, good sex lives.

Just about all the things you could associate with human happiness. But they are not happy. The reasons they are not happy:

1) A report could go into Gath almost any day.

2) The real reason for their unhappiness is that they are out of the will of God and therefore they lack the capacity to appreciate things and be happy.

You can have everything in the world associated with happiness and still be miserable. Reason, no capacity. The only way to get capacity is Bible doctrine in the soul.

Now, I want to give you 7 ways of becoming an excellent con-artist:
(These ways will guarantee to give you misery!)

1) The con-artist must know his victim.

The con-artist uses someone else. David has been using Achish King of Gath. You see if you are trying to get things in life and you are convinced that you must get it the wrong way then. You must have a victim or as the con-artist would say in his heart, I must find a sucker. Suppose some of you single girls want to meet some guy but you want to appear very feminine about it and not pushy. So what you do is you notice that his fiend kind of gives you the eye so you smile sweetly at his friend. His friend becomes the victim. The con-artist loves to use people.

David used King Achish to get all the things he wanted that he didn't have while running from Saul. So the first principle if you are going to be a con artist is that you must have an objective and a victim. The con artist uses other.

2) The con-artist must deceive his victim.

And when Achish and David finally part Achish thinks he is losing his best friend. King Achish is a born sucker for David. I don't know about you but I hate to be used. I hate to be deceived or have anyone strap it on me. I might deceive you but I don't want you to deceive me. That is the attitude a lot of people have.

3) The con-artist must hide and cover any damaging evidence that would expose his lies.

It's not like David to slaughter women and children but the things you have to do to cover your sin or make a lie stick are unbelievable. The con artist doesn't have standards... anything goes!

4) The con artist must also flatter his victim.

this can involve inferiority or it can also involve superiority. You either pretend your victim knows something you don't know or you pretend you know something the victim doesn't know. You pretend to be just like the victim or you learn the principle of being a brown-noser.

5) The con-artist must give the impression to the victim that he hates everyone who his victim hates.

This is the 'I'm on your side' routine. This means that the con-artist must pretend to hate his true friends if his true friends are hated by his victim. David is pretending to hate the Jews because King Achish does. And after all David is on the king's side. David also has to pretend to love the friends of his victim - i.e., the Arabs.

What I'm saying to you is a good con-artist must be a super hypocrite. No strap on artist ever succeeds unless he appears to be what his victim wants. Therefore a good con-artist knows what his victim likes and dislikes and gives the impression that he is the same. by the way remember, I'm giving you all human viewpoint so don't get carried away.

We are talking about a backslider not a mature believer.

6) To be a good strap on artist it is very helpful if you are attractive, filled with flattery, cruel and a skillful liar.

A skillful liar is one who, like David, tells only one lie and then builds upon it. In other words, there is less chance of getting caught.

7) The con-artist lives long enough to regret that he strapped one on,

Gal 6:7

And by the way, David has been creating monsters. Everyone in his battallion is now exposed to the strap-on-artist. And they are becoming one themselves. And in 1Sa 30, everyone will pay as Ziklag is burnt to the ground.

And if you ever get others to join your con game remember, the more you get the more that will con you some day. And in 1Sa 30 David's men will turn on him. They want to stone him and kill him. So remember, Mr. Con-Artist will live to regret it. And in the end the con-artist will say it wasn't worth it!

1Sa 27:10-12

Last week we saw David, the great human con-artist in action, David killed women and children to cover his con-story to King Achish. It's very interesting that David wrote a whole Psalm against Saul and the massacre at Nob. David use to criticize Saul for slaughtering the people at Nob. Now David is doing the same thing. The person you may criticize today you may be doing the same thing to tomorrow.

1Sa 27:1

This is how they would tell on

1Sa 27:12

Achish was deceived by David. Now in Philistia God cannot bless David. In Philistia God will never promote David.

Association with the Philistines has not improved David it has not improved the Philistines either. The principle is, beware of the associations in this life. They may appear to be security, happiness, etc., but in the end they will only intensify the problem.

1Co 15:33

Joh 18:25

2Ch 19:2

David's nobility has suddenly disappeared behind cruelty, double-mindedness and hypocrisy. David's men and women now have things (money, clothes, jewelry, and tremendous wealth) yet it's a very unhappy camp.

Why? Being in reversionism takes away your capacity for life, your capacity for happiness. His evil association with Philistia has led to destroying happiness in his home, work, army-life, relationships, etc.

You can only be happy with doc in the soul. You can not live a lie and enjoy the truth. David knows the truth and he also knows he is rejecting it.

1Sa 27:12

Here is Achish a very brilliant man. One of the greatest rulers Philistia will ever have. Totally deceived.

believed kal imper aman = means he kept on believing.

aman also means to use as a pillar to lean on.

King Achish is even beginning to lean on David

However when you use people you also change and David is not the type now to lean on.

1Sa 27:12

abhor him means that Achish assumes that Israel really hates David

therefore he [David] shall be my servant forever.

Achish is now appointing David as his assistant. David is not only his assistant but he is going to be his chief body guard. So David has really strapped one on the king. King Achish is really deceived. And once you con a person you begin to lose respect for them and David has absolutely no respect for Achish.

For example if a woman cons a man she will end up losing respect for him. A woman really would not be able to strap one on a man if he didn't think so well of himself. But we live in a day where many women can strap one on a man. The reason is so many men today think of themselves as God's gift to women. They think they are irresistible, and they are filled with arrogance and pride. A proud man in his soul is always a perfect sucker to be conned.

Pride does come before a fall, pride is the secret to being a sucker. David

has found a real sucker in King Achish. And he doesn't love the king. You cannot use someone and love them at the same time. David does not love Achish. Achish does love David. But while you think that you are getting away with conning you really do not. Because conning destroys your soul. this is why David's capacity for life, love and happiness has been destroyed. God has an excellent way of dealing with us when we get out of line. First of all when you start to destroy your own soul you make yourself miserable.

A miserable soul is a warning from the Lord that something is wrong. The Lord said to the believers in Laodicea who were lukewarm that they were wretched and miserable. This is how God gives light to those that are in misery. Those that are miserable.

Job 3:20

So when a soul is miserable that is the warning the Lord gives to the carnal believer. And if we do not respond to the warning He then stands at the door and knocks, Rev 3:20

This is when He brings certain kinds of disasters in our life to warn us to get us to repent. To change the direction of our life. God disciplines His children when He sees them destroying their own soul. This is why a backslider is totally a miserable person. So there is a principle here. All the time you practice deceit therefore you are destroying your own soul. You eliminate any possibility of true happiness, true love, and true prosperity in life.

If fact, David wrote some Psalms about this time in his life which we will study a few of later on. The Psalms that were written at this time in David's

life were 13, 22, 67, and 69.

1Sa 28:1

Now David is in a dilemma. He is in an unpleasant situation right now!

Situations are sure to arise when we are out of the will of God. There will be situations which the conscience will sharply condemn but from which we can see no way of escape. In other words, we are in a jam and we don't know how to get out of it.

Achish is saying you and your men - get ready for a red alert. This is a rather embarrassing predicament for the next King of Israel. You see, you can not live out of the will of God without the whole thing backfiring on you. It's all catching up to David. As it always does.

David's lie has caught up with him. Psa 119:29

Because we are descended from parents who at the beginning preferred the devil's lie to God's truth we are strongly inclined to lie. Lying is a part of our sin nature. How many indulge in exaggeration, that is a form of lying. How many deceive by gestures and actions, that is a form of lying. How many make vows and promises, that is a form of lying. Worse, how many lie to themselves and to God by saying Jesus is my Lord and Savior.

1Sa 28:2

Now get this answer, it is very vague. Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do.

what does that mean? It just means our con-artist is filled with double talk. It doesn't mean anything. It doesn't even mean he will be there. Achish thinks David is going to show him just what a hero he is. This means 'my bodyguard for life'

David has really dug a grave for himself!

David has sown and now he is reaping. He is in a total jam. It has all caught up to him even though he has done such a good job at conning.

He did such a good job he is now the body guard of the king. He is the body guard of the #1 enemy of Israel. He is in a jam!

Now, when you get into such a jam where it's hopeless, helpless, useless, and as low as you can be, it's time to stop and let grace take over. And, the way in which this happens is repentance and a change of attitude along with getting back to doctrine. Now, let's see what happens to David.

He is in such a jam that only God can help and only God does help.

1Sa 29:1-3

What are these Hebrews doing here?

Good question. They are getting ready to fight Hebrews and yet there are Hebrews here with them.

I have found no fault = meuwmah - not one single speck or point wrong with him.

David in 1Sa 28 is out of the geographical will of God and is now faced with a very difficult problem. to be out of the geographical will of God will

bring us into temptations almost impossible to resist. To seek a non-Christian environment is to play with fire and to accept favors from the ungodly will certainly result in our getting burned.

David had done wrong in seeking protection from Saul in the land of the Philistines and now the king of Gath requires service from him against the Hebrews.

1Sa 29:3 The Philistines ask what are these Jews doing here with us??!

When God's people are out of their place even worldly people know. They saw the inconsistency in David and his men even though David and his men may not have seen it. The world respects an out and out Christian but neither God nor the world respects an inconsistent one.

1Sa 29:4

wroth qatsaph = to keep on raging against the king.

These rulers are not deceived. And the princes of the Philistines said unto him make this fellow return. Cause him to go away, get him out of here. That he may go again to his place which though hast appointed him (Ziklag)

Lest in the battle he be an adversary (traitor) to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master. Should it not be with the heads of these men? In other words, our men could lose their heads as David tries to reconcile himself with his Lord Saul. These men do not trust David. They figure once a traitor, always a traitor. they are saying this man is a con-artist and he could use our army to reconcile with Saul.

they are saying this man uses people and he will use the whole Philistine army to get back with Saul. What is interesting to me is that Achish is so blind to what these men are saying. Love is blind and usually those being conned are the last ones to realize it. Everyone says he is a jerk, he is using you, but love doesn't believe it. That really is blind-arrogance.

Next, they said in vs 5 is not this David whom they sang one to another... Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands of Philistines.

You see, even the Philistines know that song too. And the princes of Philistia do not think that the leopard has changed its spots. Now, here is a believer who sowed and reaped his harvest of misery and discipline. And when David realized just what a terrible situation he was in he threw himself at the Lord's mercy. And the Lord respond and got him out of there only God could have gotten him out of that jam.

When you sow and reap misery and disaster only God can get you out of the jam. this is a low point in David's life to be...

- 1) One of the wealthiest men in the world
- 2) The greatest king in the world
- 3) the greatest general in the world
- 4) He is going to live in great happiness
- 5) He is going to be one of the greatest blessed men of God of all time.

And that's the whole point. David has brought himself to this low point. Now, God will bring David to a high point. David can only bring David to a low point just as you can only bring you to a low point.

David knew Psa 16:1, preserve me, O God for in Thee do I put my trust.

Psa 145:20; 2Th 3;2

God's way in which he preserves His saints are very mystical and sometimes misunderstood. Some have been withheld from the success of business and that is God delivering them from the material riches which would have corrupted their soul. Some have been disappointed in a love affair, it was God delivering them from an ungodly partner for life. Some have been cruelly treated by good friends, it was God breaking up unequal yokes. Even death has been a blessing, Isa 57;1

Now, we see through a glass darkly but the day will come when we shall perceive clearly the preserving had of a gracious God. Those very situations that seem to be working against us are actually working for us.

Seeking help from the ungodly, David had placed himself under obligation to the King of Gath. He pretended to be the friend of the Philistines and the enemy of his own people, now Achish is calling upon David to prove his friendship. Now, the Lord begins to move and preserve his man by graciously making a way of escape.

1Sa 29:6

Believe it or not, Achish has profited by his relationship with David. Now, even though Achish does not agree with them about David, he will not let his personal life interfere with the principles on which he operates. And although David meant the deceit for the harm of Achish, God meant the deceit for the good of Achish.

And so there is at least one Philistine who is in heaven right now. So, God actually used the deception for the blessing of Achish. you know some

people have been used for suckers and they never even know it but here is some comfort

God still is able to bless them and use their deception for the god. so you may have had on strapped on you but God can turn it into prosperity. Maybe some of you wouldn't even be here tonight if it wasn't for someone strapping it on you.

What I'm saying to you is simple, God has a blessing for the victim. And, even though Achish goes forth and reveals his deception, at least tonight he is in heaven.

(Hey, did David get him saved?)

Achish is discovering that you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. Achish is becoming free from the strap on artist. God is setting Achish free from David, why? Achish is now one of God's people. God is delivering a born again believer from a strap-on-artist and that is grace! And grace is the only thing that becomes magnified and wins in that situation.

1Sa 29:6 Then Achish called David and said to him

Achish is very disturbed at this particular time

Surely as the Lord lives (Jehovah) in the Heb it's a phrase used by believers

Though hast been upright

upright Jashar = noble, upright, true and righteous

And thy going out and thy coming in with me (your maneuvering) in the host in my army is good in my sight

For I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming not me not this day: nevertheless the Lord's (princes) favor thee not.

Remember it is the princes of the Philistines who are absolutely correct.

Summary:

- 1) While Achish has been deceived by a backslidden believer he has also been blessed by God in the association.
- 2) In association with David Achish became a growing believer, even though in the relationship David, strapped one in him.
- 3) Therefore God will deliver Achish from the deceit of David while delivering while delivering David from his own dilemma.

Remember, David's dilemma he is now reaping what he has sown.

he is in a terrible position as the next king of Israel, as being a part of the army invading Israel! Everything is beginning to backfire or boomerang on David.

- 4) Achish has a problem and doesn't know it, he thinks David is one of the most wonderful people in the world. He really loves David but David has been using Achish.

5) It is possible therefore to get the truth and still be deceived by someone related to the truth.

David has deceived Achish but Achish has received the truth about David's Lord.

Principle: Achish has separated the communication from the communicator without even realizing it.

The one who has been communicated i.e., Jesus Christ has been noble to Achish, Joh 8:32

The one who has done the communicating has deceived Achish. And as far as the Scripture is concerned Achish never knew that he'd had one strapped on him. He was totally delivered without ever finding out. He was totally delivered without ever finding out.

6) Rom 8:28, comes into focus at this point. God loves all believers but all believers do not love God. Achish is falling under the Rom 8:28 category.

7) However, David is repent and God is going to repent and God is going to deliver him from this jam. The princes of Philistia are used by J.C. to separate two men, David and Achish. The result of this separation is that both men turn out great Rom 8:28

1Sa 29:7 Wherefore (Achish is speaking) now return, and go in peace.

Even though there is much said about not trusting David, Achish still does not reject him.

That though displeasure not the lords of the Philistines

David is reaping what God sows here i.e., grace and he doesn't realize it yet. David can't go in peace because as we will read later in Psa 13, David doesn't have peace with himself. Nor with God. David has reaped displeasure. He sowed searching for happiness, living in his emotions, being negative toward doctrine, change of environment, and being a strap-on-artist. And he doesn't like the harvest. In fact, he will cry out to God in Psa 13:1. How long will you hide your face from me?

now I want you to notice next, the strap-on-artist all the way. The Lords of the Philistines are right and David knows it. And being the strap-on-artist he is what he says, 1Sa 29:8 And David said to Achish, but what have I done?

when someone catches on the more you have strapped one on the stronger you protest.

Here is David trying to look like he is innocent when he is guilty. Achish has true love for David and David's now even using guilt on Achish.

And what hast though found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day.

I've never done you wrong, have I?

SO he says what have I done that I may not go fight against the enemies of my Lord the king?

God has just opened the doors for David to walk out and listen to Him.

He is consistent in his strap-on-artistry all the way to the end. The con-artist always wants to preserve his reputations. Even though he knows he is guilty. Achish meanwhile stands by David as a true friend and is loyal to a deceiver. Perhaps David even taught him the doctrine of friendship. Nevertheless David is trying to leave a good impression with Achish as we will see coming up, David is miserable. He knows he has been using Achish and Achish has been so faithful. therefore I want you to get this next statement, the victim is the hero. isn't it beautiful how the Lord can switch things around. What Achish has been saying about David is only true about Achish. Achish is the noble hero not David.

1Sa 29:9

Notice again, Achish recognizes that Elohim has angels and therefore another statement of his understanding of doctrine.

Notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, he shall not go up with us to the battle

This is God working together all things for good. Achish is delivered from old strap-on David. David is delivered from fighting his nation. Everyone is delivered and God is glorified and that is grace.

1Sa 29:10

1Sa 29:11 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel

The place where the Jews are. Now meanwhile, David is on his way home to Ziklag the things and the people that were dear to him. His wives, his children, his possessions, were all there and he had formed a resting place

for himself. However, his resting place was apart from God's will. Though David has now been delivered from his strap-on game and has come out looking like a hero.

What he has sown has caught up with him. David and his men are unconscious of the fact that awaiting them in Ziklag was a destroyed city. David and his men had deposited all that was dear to him there. David had now been delivered from his strap-on-trap but has not been brought back to God. Though he is the God of all grace, his grace reigns through righteousness and never at the expense of it. God is merciful but wants His children to learn and become smarter for their wrong doing.

now, between 1Sa 29 and 1Sa 30 comes Psa 13

here is how we discover what happened to David between the two chapters, Psa 13 actually has three stanzas or verses to sing. Notice first of all the title i.e., part of the word of God. to the chief musician, a psalm of David

The Psa describes David in Philistia perfectly.

Psa 13:1

notice what he says here, there is a little sarcasm when you hurt as bad as David does you are not afraid to throw a little sarcasm even at God.

How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

The hiding of the face means great displeasure. There is absolutely no blessing for the believer who is backsliding. David had everything he wanted, he had his first million, all the materialism, etc. David now has

security but security doesn't make him happy at all

He is longing for the good old days when he was running from Saul, it didn't seem like fun then, but it was. Why? Because the most miserable person in the world is a believer outside of the plan of God. David's free will has dug a very deep hole and he doesn't like it a bit, he wants out.

Psa 13:2

take council shith-etsah

David's soul in his backslidden state is filled with worries that he manufactured himself. Shith means to line up the worries each day and check each one of them out.

So he is saying, how long shall I line up worries in my soul? Instead of lining up doctrines he is lining up worries in his soul. the backslidden spends much time with worries in his soul and imagining fears, Pro 28:1; 1Jo 4:19

Constant worry and anxiety is a part of David's discipline. you see, David planted all of these beautiful seeds, change of environment, happy times, materialism. He planted all of these seeds and when the crop comes up all he gets is worry weed. Whatever we plant ourselves sooner or later we are not going to like it. You see, you are not a genius, you cant' sow anything of eternal value. You cannot rise above your own ability and with an old sin nature and your ability your going to dig a deep hole.

the next part of the verse says having sorrow in my heart daily

sorrow Yagon - to have maximum misery

David has maximum misery in his heart day by day.

By his own free will and by his own actions David has acted independently from the Lord and has maximum misery. He can't blame anyone but himself. You know it's a great advance when you come to realize it's all your own fault. There are people that are not here tonight and all there are doing is digging a hole for themselves. Now, how often does he have this maximum misery. Day by day!

Notice, the next part of the verse, what is old Saul doing? He is laughing at David.

As if David didn't have enough trouble, Saul is at the top of the hole dropping dirt in it. How long will my enemy (Saul) be exalted over me

That is really some pretty good five lines ...

- 1) How long, O Jehovah, will you forget me? Forever?
- 2) How long will you hide your face from me?
- 3) How long shall I line up worries in my own soul?
- 4) Having grief and sorrow in my heart day by day.
- 5) How long will my enemy Saul be exalted over me?

Psa 13:3 Now we see David's repentance. Just before he gets to Ziglag.

Consider and hear me O Lord my God

Consider hiphil imperative of NABAT, and you know what it says, it's shocking. It means to have respect and that isn't all get this it's in the imperative mood.

David is demanding that God have respect for him. And, it doesn't mean respect his person but respect the fact that he has finally awoken to grace. Where he use to be lining up worries, he is now lining up doctrine.

He also says hear me - anah - listen to me, answer me

He is saying answer me, O Jehovah, my Elohim, have respect.

Now why should God have respect for David? Because David is appealing finally to God for him to work. You see when it's God's plan God has to do the work. David is now resting in what God sows and not what he sows. Therefore he is telling God to have respect form him because he is trusting in Him.

You see, God always honors his own harvest and David is saying it's time for you to work, O Lord

Psa 119:126

Whatsoever God sows He shall also reap. Now, the second line in vs 3 tells us why

lighten my eyes means cause me to understand.
lest I sleep the sleep of death the sin unto death

Psa 13:4 lest my enemies (Saul) keep saying I have prevailed against him

prevailed jakal - I have overcome I was better and stronger every night Saul offers up a toast and says I have overcome, I have prevailed.

And those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

trouble - those that throw pebbles and crowd me into tight places.

rejoice means to dance around in a circle, to party

when I am moved mot = to waver, to slip, to fall

So David is saying in verses 3 and 4:

- 1) Have respect and answer me O Jehovah, my Elohim
- 2) Enlighten my eyes lest I die the sin unto physical death.
- 3) Lest mine enemy Saul keep saying I have prevailed or overcome him.
- 4) Lest those that trouble and are hostile to me gloat when I am moved

The discipline that accompanies the backslider shakes up the backslidden so much that his enemies gloat. They rejoice over someone else's misery

Pro 24:17

Psa 13:5 This brings us to David's recovery just before Ziklag. Psa 13:5

trusted batach - faith rested in your grace

David is saying in the first line of this stanza, in your grace I have trusted. David is saying for now on I want to reap what you so not what I sow. You see, on his own David became the life-time body guard of the king. But when God works, David will become the king. In fact, the greatest king of all time. Now, he wants to reap what God sows. Remember, under grace

doctrine in the soul demands divine vindication

rejoice guwl = to celebrate; to dance around
salvation - deliverance

The deliverance refers to David recovering from his backslidden state.

Just as doctrine in the Bible has been preserved forever, so doctrine in our soul is preserved by God

Psa 13:6 I will sing unto the Lord
sin shir = to sing in celebration

Because he has dealt bountiful (gamal) with me

gamal = to compensate, to ripen, to treat a person better than what they deserve

For the first time in 16 months David is reaping what he did not sow. he is now back in fellowship and ready to go to Ziklag not realizing disaster awaits him. but because he will reap what God sows Deu 23:5 will happen.

1Sa 30:1

it took them about three days to get back home to Ziklag.

The Amalekites are simply another group of Arabs. The Arabs are really a group of people who are related to the Jews in a number of different ways. For example, this Arab group is related to the Jews through Esau, brother of Jacob. Other Arab groups are descended from Abraham, actually all

Arabs are the first or second cousins of the Jews. And, the interesting thing is the fantastic difference between Jew and Arab i.e., really comes from O.T. doctrine. The Amalekites are traditional enemies of the Jews as all Arab groups happen to be. And to this day this hostility still exists.

Now, remember in 1Sa 27:8 David had already raided and killed the Amalekites that were home while the army was away. Now even the David has repented he is still reaping what he sowed in his backslidden state.

And so, the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire.

Now in vs 2, David does not know what we know, here. And you must remember that when we get to verse 3.

And so the Amalekites in vs 2 had taken the women captives.

women nashim not ishshah = females

and the Amalekites were known for brutally treating the captives they took. they would march the women away rapidly for two or three days and then finally party. And so these women are very unhappy and sick about their capture. The children are not mentioned in this verse tho they were taken captive to.

Hey at least the Amalekites didn't kill the women and children like David did!!

The Amalekites were known for being very tender toward children and gave them royal treatment. And the reason why the children are not

mentioned because the children are going to have a very easy time. Now, do you see why I've said a believer out of fellowship lives worst than an unbeliever, remember what David did to his captives.

And so this Arab group was very hard on the women and very fond of children.

1Sa 30:2

Apparently the Arabs really miss their wives because they didn't kill one of these Jewish women.

slew not they were not motivated to slew anybody

The women apparently gave them no cause to kill them. And so David had taken his entire batallion and had gone out to war leaving the women and the children defenseless. And this by the way is poor leadership on the part of David he is guilty of the very thing he criticized Abner of

As a homeless wanderer, being hunted by Saul in his home land, David was constantly protected. But now under the protection of the king of Gath and with a city of his own he learns without God's shelter he has none.

but always remember, Ecc 3:1 to everything there is a season

Probably every Christian can look back to certain experiences in life when his circumstances were suddenly and unexpectedly changed. At the time we may not realize it but when it's all done we know the disaster was for our best.

1Sa 30:3

As they were coming to the city they could see something was wrong. And so this is a very dramatic moment. And behold it was burned with fire It was still burning three days later

1Sa 30:4

they freaked out and began to panic. They all hit the panic button together. Now, these are real tough men yet they all hit the panic button at the same time.

And they wept

and wept Bakah - to keep on weeping and weeping

This is the weeping of shock, of frustration, of hysteria

Until they had no more power to weep David is now drinking of a cup which he never tasted before and he had earned if for himself, it was the fruit of his self chosen Ziklag

1Sa 30:5

but remember, David didn't have a clue as to what happened. All he knows like everyone else is that there are no bodies left behind. Now in vs 2 it specifically says that the Amalekites had taken the women captives. Why are David's two wives mentioned again? Answer, the H.S. is making known again to us why David is having problems.

Now is vs 6 even tho David has personally lost everything and his grief is just as great as his men there is a difference. This is why David is a leader and most of his men are followers. There is a difference between leadership and followers

In disaster David's men continue to wail but David changes from weeping to thinking even though he is just as much involved as they are.

1Sa 30:6

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they believe it's all David's fault and they want to execute him on the spot. Greatly distressed - Yatsar - to be distressed from having a great imagination. David's imagination is working overtime. Maybe he is imagining that the Amalekites are doing what he would have done. So David is suffering from loss and also great imagination and because many of his troops want to stone him to death. Therefore the pressure on David is even greater than the pressure on his soldiers.

For the people spake of stoning him

stoning him kal inf i.e., it was on their mind for a long time. One trouble added to another heart broken over loss of the family burning of the city

they are ready to take it out on someone

That is why David is the leader that is why they are not. A person in leadership must know what is going on even though those under him are freaking out.

Let's notice some principles:

1) Destroying leadership does not solve the problem. Leadership is responsible but destroying leadership does not solve the problem.

2) The disaster is blamed on David who as a leader must assume the responsibility for it in part. Leadership must assume the responsibility in a catastrophe even if they are not personally responsible though many are through delegation.

It is the responsibility that makes the leader. People often want the position of leadership but not the responsibility that goes with it.

3) David's real mistake was not leaving security for the women and children. what security are we leaving to our children.

4) David is now reaping what he sowed in his backslidden state. And the wages of backsliding = misery, disaster, heartache, troubles, difficulties.

1Sa 29:6

grieved marah = it means to be bitter

The troops were first grieved but now they are bitter. David now has the problem of leading a battalion of bad mental attitudes.

So their soul was bitter, every man for his sons and for his daughters. It is typical that followers, even though they benefit in a thousand ways from good leadership, love to complain. The minute something goes wrong every benefit erases from their mind and they become bitter.

This is true in all forms of life. In the business world, in family matters, in church life.

But (now let's see what happens to leadership) But David encouraged himself

encourage chazaq - to become courageous in something, to be strong

To shew oneself courageous in something. This is a great emotional situation but leadership cannot afford to be emotional. So David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

And while David is encouraging himself in the Lord Saul is going to see the witch of Endor.

David began to recall that God has control of everything

Psa 31:15

Our times of slothfulness, passivity, backsliding, prosperity, adversity, loneliness

this should lead us all to an attitude of rest. Nothing is more quieting and stabilizing to the soul than the realization that everything is in the control of God the Father. He has decreed the hour of my birth and the hour of my

death. He knows when its best to bring me out of a distressing situation and his mercy opens the way when its time for me to make a move. For instance God is never too early, and He is never too late. Had David and his men been discharged by Achish a week sooner, they would have been available to defend Ziklag.

And a needed chastisement and great blessing from it would have been too late to recover the loved ones. Admire then the timing of God

We left off and last time with David in 1Sa 30:6

Davis' power to meet the crisis came when he became occupied with the person of Jesus Christ

Now Psa 22 is a Psalm that records the thoughts that were going through David' soul at this time. Before David takes one step as he will in 1Sa 30:7 when he calls for the ephod, he began to think. And one of our greatest of all Messianic Psalms is related to what David was suffering.

So Psa 22 not only tells us what Christ suffered on the cross but what David suffered in Ziklag. many of David's Psalms deal with the disasters our Lord faced. Now notice the title of the Psalm

To the chief musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, a Psalm of David

aijeleth - a doe or a female deer

shahar - the dawn, early in the morning

So it comes to mean the doe of the dawn

At dawn the doe is helpless. The doe is a female deer and the dawn is its

most helpless and dangerous time. And so it is with David. David is in a place of total helplessness. Till the day the best time to hunt deer is at dawn. Dawn is when the deer hunt always begins. So, the doe of the dawn is the emblem of someone under maximum pressure. It is a picture of David in the ruins of Ziklag and a picture of our Lord hanging on the cross. Now, Spa 22 starts with all the terrible things that happened on the cross when our sins were poured out on Him and judged.

But it also ends up with resurrection, ascension and session and 2nd Advent and Millennial Reign. In other words, the Psalm pictures Christ going all the way from the cross to reigning forever.

God the Father converted the terrible thing that happened to Christ into great eternal and perfect happiness for Jesus Christ.

And so God did the same thing for David in this Psalm. From burning ruins of Ziklag God converted David into the wealthiest, most blessed man of his day. SO there is an exact parallel between David's disaster and the Lord's disaster on the cross.

Both scream "My God, My God why hast thou forsaken me"

So this is called in the title, a Psalm of David. David is the human author writing about his own experience but also a prophetic Psalm about our Lord. David in the ruins of Ziklag was under cursing, he was paying the wages of backsliding.

But David recovers all and ends up being the greatest and wealthiest man in the world. And so for David cursing is turned into blessing. J.C. was cursed on the cross, Gal 3:13

But the cursing is changed into the blessing of the resurrection, ascension, and mill

And so as David went from cursing to blessing so did David's greater Son TLJC also go from cursing to blessing. That is the whole concept of this Psalm

It begins with Eli, Eli La Ma Sa Bach Thani

This was not spoken but screamed both by our Lord on the cross and David at Ziklag.

when David first hit the ruins of Ziklag this is what he said, 1Sa 30:4

And so our Lord uttered this same phrase only when He uttered it referred to My God the Father

And J.C. uttered this because the sins of the whole world were poured out upon Him as the Father judged Him.

And since Christ was paying the penalty for us and being judged in our place, the Father, Hab 1:13, could not look at sin.

God can have nothing to do with sin except to judge it. And so just as the cursing of David was turned into blessing for all those associated with him, so is the cursing of the cross.

And just as David shared his wealth and blessings with all of his men so did J.C. share his life and reign with us. So this is the whole concept of Psa 22, no greater disaster ever came to David and yet we have in this great

disaster, cursing turned to blessing. And also remember that in 1Sa 30:6 David had great imagination. And his imagination is going to become the prophetic sufferings of J.C. now historical to us but prophetic from David's standpoint.

Psa 22:1

why did our Lord scream this over and over?

1) In order to understand these words we must go back to the penalty of sin described in Gen 2:16-17

Gen 2:17, when it says thou shalt surely die, the verb die is actually in the Hebrew doubled

And it should read dying, thou shalt die

We can know this even from the English because Adam and Eve both died twice. They died in Gen 3:6, the day they ate the fruit a spiritual death and they died also a physical death. Adam lived 930 years and then died physically, Gen 5:3.

So, in Gen 2:17 when it says dying thou shalt die, it means dying spiritually though shalt die physically. Dying spiritually means Adam and Eve immediately became spiritually dead the moment they sinned.

And so Jesus Christ was forsaken on the cross, because the wages of sin is spiritual death or separation from God. This is the most intense suffering for our Lord because it was the first time He was ever separated from the Father.

2) If the wages of sin was physical death alone, the Father would have killed J.C. quickly but spiritual death is really the wages of sin found in Rom 6:23

3) J.C. died therefore twice on the cross.

we know this from Isa 53:9

He took three hours to die spiritually, read also, mat 27:45-46 and one second to die physically, Mat 27:50

yielded aor/act/ind aphiemi - to send forth, to command to go

Active voice - J.C. sent His spirit to the Father

He did not receive the action of physical death, He produced it because His work was finished, Luk 22:46

this is why J.C. said in Joh 10:17-18

4) The first death of Jesus Christ was spiritual, 1Pe 12:24

It is at this point that we have the uniqueness of the sufferings of Christ. When we were born we didn't experience spiritual death. We were born spiritually dead with a sin nature, Psa 58:3; 51:5

We were born spiritually dead and we didn't feel any pain from being born spiritually dead. Jesus was born without spiritual death, Mat 1:20

And so Jesus was alive He experienced spiritual death

Those three hours of spiritual death were three hours of the most horrible,

greatest sufferings that anyone has ever endured.

5) This is why sin is no longer an issue in salvation, Joh 3:18;

And at the last judgment sin not mentioned, Rev 20:11-15
Just good works and good deeds are mentioned at the last judgment.

6) Because of 2Co 5:21, God the Father had to forsake the Son. So we have
Psa 22:1; mat 27:46. J.C. cannot be judged for sin unless He is forsaken.

7) After the divine judgment of sin Jesus said, Joh 19:30, it is finished.
Perfect tense, the work of salvation is not only perfect and completed but
the results go on forever. Once saved, always saved. Or as Calvin says, the
perseverance of all the saints.

Now, it's important to note here that J.C. said this before his physical birth.
He could have waited and said after His resurrection but the work of
salvation was already completed before physical death.

passive voice, you receive salvation and perfection you can not earn it or
deserve it.

Indicative mood, the reality of the work on the cross is finished

Then Jesus said in Luk 23:46, Father into Thy hands I commend My spirit.

His soul went to paradise, Eph 4:9; 1Pe 3:19, His body went to the tomb,
Mat 27:60

Psa 22:2 O my God, I cry in the daytime

cry qara - he kept on screaming and crying

in the daytime i.e., 9 AM to 12 noon he was on the cross suffering physically

but Thou hearst not = you do not answer

It isn't that God doesn't hear, He just didn't answer

He didn't answer David in Ziklag until David called for the ephod. He didn't answer the Lord until He was finished with the work

Psa 22:2 night season = period of darkness from 12 noon to 3 pm when darkness covered the earth, Mat 27:45; Mar 15:33

This was the thickest darkness that ever existed, neither man nor angel could see

David apparently cried into the night but this refers to the supernatural darkness

He will also come back in Rev 1:7 and every eye shall see Him and am not silent but his prayers were not answered.

Principle, Jesus had a soul filled with doctrine and the only thing that sustained him during the most intensified suffering was B.D.

We have all been under pressure but never like this, if doctrine could sustain Hi, it can also sustain us!

In His humanity, J.C. was a perfect student of the word of God. By the time he was 12 years old he was mastering the scriptures. So what sustained him on the cross? What kept him on the cross when he could have left at any time? How did He hang in there until all of our sins were judged. Answer, doctrine sustained him just as it can sustain you.

Now why did Jesus have to go to the cross? Why did David have to suffer? What was going through the mind of Christ on the cross?

Psa 22:3 but Thou art holy

holy qadosh = righteous and just

David knew in Ziklag that God is holy and just and can not bless his children when they are out of fellowship, 1Co 11:31

David recognized this and so did Christ. J.C. knew He was under judgment from the righteousness and justice of God. SO it says, but Thou art holy that inhabit the praises of Israel

Now during His suffering these are some of the things He recognized on the cross. Psa 22:4 Our fathers trusted in Thee

trusted batach - slam your troubles

they trusted and Thou did deliver them

deliver palat - complete deliverance from intense and hopeless situations.

Principle, believers in the past were failures and sinners but delivered by

grace. Jesus is perfect but will not receive deliverance. Jesus had perfect faith and no deliverance, we have little faith and receive complete deliverance.

Psa 22:5 They cried unto Thee

cried zaaq = to be in a hopeless situation and cry held

This is a cry of total loss of dignity. This is what David is doing. This is what the Lord did.

and were delivered malat = to receive even more deliverance than what you asked for. Complete deliverance.

they trusted in Thee and were not confounded bosh = put to shame, all confused

David is confused and he is put to shame. David is totally helpless and he has completely and totally failed. His own men are thinking of stoning him. But David will be delivered and all the O.T. saints were not put to shame but J.C. was put to shame for us.

vs 3 says but Thou art holy

vs 6 says but I am a worm

worm tolah - special kind of worm that was crushed to extract the blood which made the most beautiful crimson dye used for royal robes

The tolah worm is a picture of someone who is totally helpless and hopeless

David is a tolah

however it's very interesting that Jesus was crushed for our sin so His blood gives us the royal color or the royal robe of righteousness. Isa 61:10 and no man, Hebrew idiom = I no longer appear human

He was so beat up and under such horrible pressure that he no longer appeared to be human

A reproach of men, and despised of the people

reproach - cherpah = disgrace and shame of the people

despised bazah = one worthless and of no value to people, maximum hatred.

when David was down in the dust of the ruins of Ziklag he was a disgrace and of no value to his men

he is totally helpless, a worm on the ground

David was a reproach to his men and despised by them. Just as Christ was under reproach from His own people i.e. the religious people

Psa 22:7

see raah = to keep on staring

They kept on staring, looking for reasons to mark him

laugh laag = to be caused to stick out the tongue

They were motivated by Satanic motivation

Psa 22:7b they shoot out their lip = to stretch out the lip to make a face
they shake their heads

Each part of the world at different times has its own dirty signs

today we have gestures with the fingers and the thumb on the nose, etc. or the middle finger, back then it was the shaking of the head.

So what did they keep on saying? Psa 22:8 He trusted on the Lord He would deliver Him, let Him deliver Him, seeing He delighteth in Him

he has outward suffering as well as inward. Religion is done what it does best to mark Christ

This is ridicule from Mat 3:17

While their sins were being committed He was being judged for those very sins

Not only did J.C. bear our sins but he took more ridicule on the cross than anyone has ever taken. Now what did our Lord do while all of this was going on? What did David do? Both J.C. and David were occupied with the Father while being ridiculed

Psa 22:9 But Thou art He that took me out of the womb (virgin birth for J.C.)

David also realizes that he has been born for a purpose. Thou didst make me hope (batach = to have confidence)
when I was upon my mother's breasts

Now remember this, David was the youngest of all his brothers and he really didn't have a good home life. Remember that the greatest man who ever lived and the man who received the greatest variety of blessings never had any family life. That proves psychiatry wrong.

Psychiatry always tries to explain your bad habits away and blame them on someone or some situation from childhood.

David was totally rejected by his family just as J.C. was totally rejected on the cross. In fact, notice vs 10, David apparently didn't have a mother who nourished him...

Psa 22:10 I was cast upon Thee from the womb

David did not have a family life.

Bob, is David's lack of family nurturing documented?? I would rather think that referred to David's spiritual death at birth and resultant helplessness.

And just like our Lord was caused to depend upon the Father so was David...yeah for spiritual sustenance.

David would never have been called by his father if the Lord had not said to Samuel to do so in 1Sa 16:7

how many of you have used your terrible family life as an excuse for not being a winner. How many of you have self-pity because you never had parents or you think you had the wrong kind of parents.

Bob, does it state it was done against David by his father. Or rather, it was simply his father's logic that God could not have meant the youngest, and least experienced!

These are old notes... I've taken out the parts you said God the H.S. forsook Christ on the cross.

Now, the sufferings of the cross as described in these verses belong strictly to the Lord Jesus, Psa 22:12 Many bulls have compassed me

bulls of bashan Hebrew idiom = means evil, power, powers hostile toward God.

Such as Pharisees and Sadducees

Psa 22:12b Strong bulls of bashan have beset me round

round kathar = they keep hanging around till someone is completely destroyed or crushed

Psa 22:13 They gaped upon me with their mouths

gaped to tear apart. The very sins they were committing were tearing apart the Lord.

The sins of the world tore our Lord to pieces

Psa 22:14 I am poured out like water i.e., loss of vitality or loss of strength

poured out means dehydrated

all my bones are out of joint = separated from the weight of His body pulling His bones apart.

This is intense physical suffering!

My heart is like wax, His mind is almost dried up

It is melted in the midst of my bones i.e., his nervous system telegraphy pain

his nervous system is overworking and in extreme pain. He has the extreme pain of the soul matching the body.

Psa 22:15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd

dried up = completely broken and shattered

and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws = extreme dehydration

his tongue sticks to his jaws

and Thou hast brought me into the dust of death

He's alive but realizes he is dying physically as well as spiritually

Psa 22:16 for dogs have compassed me

dogs - represent the Gentiles and the Romans

Psa 22:16 for dogs have compassed me

compassed = surrounded

All around the cross are unbelievers as well as Jews

The assembly of the wicked have enclosed me

These are the Jews and they have surrounded Him.

They (Roman soldiers) pierced My hands and My feet

Psa 22:17 I may tell all my bones He can distinguish His bones because He is naked and they are coming out of His body.

They (the bones) look and stare upon me

Psa 22:18 then He looks down below and says They (Roman soldiers) part my garments among them, and cast lots upon My vesture

They gambled for His clothes

this is David realizing His sufferings could not compare to the Lord's

He sees TLJC as His substitute.

1Sa 30:6 And David was greatly distressed

We have seen how distressed he was in Psa 22
greatly distressed kal imp of yatsar = to be distressed and troubled because
of great imaginations

David has a strong imagination. he can see harm coming to his wives. He
can see disaster coming to in all forms.

In addition to that he has another reason for all this pressure, his troops are
talking about stoning him. Remember the principle, to destroy leadership
does not solve the problems. The catastrophe is blamed on David and he
must assume the responsibility because he is the one who made the mistake
of leaving Ziklag unguarded.

For the people spake of stoning him because the soul of all the people was
grieved

grieved marah = bitter

everyman for his sons and for his daughters

But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God

David strengthen himself in the Lord. It is so important in times of disaster
to draw near and not withdraw. God must vindicate doctrine in a person's
soul and applied in a person's life and David has doctrine in his soul and
becomes occupied with the Lord

Now when David finished his meditation and his occupation with Christ
and with many verses from Psa 22 going through his mind, he goes into
action in vs 7. Please notice there is occupation with Christ first then there

is action.

1Sa 30:7 And David said to Abiathar the priest Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod

This is the first order or command that David gave since the disaster. Our first action after a disaster is so important. Notice I said our first action, not our first thought.

The ephod is the garment of the high priest, a vest made of gold, blue, scarlet and white linen, Exo 28:40

On the ephod and attached with golden chains is the breastplate of the high priest. The breastplate has on each shoulder two stones one means yes, the other no. The answer is given by the lighting up of the stones. So it's a system of determining the will of God through lights.

Then this breastplate has a checkerboard on the front a very fancy one. This checkerboard is made up of very precious stones each representing a certain tribe in Isarel. And as you would guess there are twelve of them. Each tribe has a specific stone that either lights up or stays the same when the ephod is questioned. And so David calls for the ephod in order to seek the will and of God. This was a legitimate way to seek the will of God before the completed canon.

And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David

Notice Abiathars obedience to David's authority. Problem solving always demands recognition of authority and obedience to authority. Illustration, B.D. is authority. We recognize it as authority. we obey it as our authority.

So we have the principle, problem solving always demands recognition of authority.

Num 7:21

Learn from this that obedience to the revealed will of God is the best evidence of having been restored to communion with Him. we need to learn to wait upon God for direction

Jam 1:5

1Sa 30:8 And David enquired at the Lord saying shall I pursue after this troop?

Notice again a good leader must be able to think under pressure. And then the second question, shall I overtake them? And He (God) answered him pursue.

pursue kal imp of radaph = a command

See the goodness and mercy of God. There was no delay in this answer. He was even told more than what he even enquired about. Not only would he catch the Amalekites but he would recover all.

1Sa 30:9 So David went, he and the 600 men that were with him

Notice who gets them rolling. David in a series of moves gets them going again.

Pro 24:15

Here is David beginning to sow what God reaps and the first step toward divine blessing is believing God's word in the form of a promise. yes, pursue and you shall overtake.

God doesn't tell him now that he is going to come out of this thing as a millionaire. God only shows us a little at a time lest we become consumed by impatience.

When God says to pursue you pursue, when God says you will overtake, you overtake. When you do things God's way under grace you prosper, when you find yourself promoted you find yourself content and happy.

And came to the brood Besor where those that were left behind stayed

For three days they really pushed and moved forward and by the time they got to Besor 200 men could go no further and straggled there. David loses 1/2 of his troops. He can't afford to lose troops. There are about 1,500 to 2,000 Amalekites that he is pursuing. But he has faith in that God said he would overtake them so it doesn't matter what their numbers are.

And by the time he catches up with the Amalekites he will be outnumbered about 5,000 to 600. So 400 men crossed Besor, 200 men had to stop. They were physically exhausted.

David's men were out of shape, living around Ziklag was the easy life. Too many picnics and parties with not enough work-outs. Lots of easy living. And the worst thing that can ever happen to a believer is to get a fat head from being spiritually out of shape. But even though 1/3 of David's men turn back, doctrine keeps David going. Grace is the overruling factor and grace will find a way for those who pursue.

However, later we will see how the dropouts or the stragglers will be used to smoke out the legalists in David's batallion.

1Sa 30:10 But David pursued, he and 400 men for 200 abode behind which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor

Doctrine in his soul tells him to keep doing what God commanded. The promises were more real to him than the problems at hand. And so a very important principle is revealed here. The importance of concentration. All mature believers, winners have phenomenal concentration. And, this is what makes a person great in whatever he is doing. Concentration is great in sports, business, friendship, learning doctrine, sex, or anything in life.

David is concentrating on one thing right now, the Amalekites. Let's get them! He doesn't care about the odds. He does not grow faint

faint piel stem of pagar = very intensive exhaustion

They were too exhausted to cross over the river.

2Pe 2:7-8

1st vex = kataponeo - to wear down, to exhaust

2nd vex = basanizo - to torture, to torment

David and 400 men are chasing after the Amalekites. David has doctrine in his soul and whenever God sees his word in action He must honor it, He has to! Psa 138:2

It's not maybe yes, maybe no - God has to honor his word in the believer's soul

And the greatest thing you could ever do to make Rom 8:28 a reality in our life is fill your soul with doctrine. Now, David is not only going to recover all that he has lost but he is going to hit one of the greatest treasures in the whole world. The Amalekites were land pirates who operated successfully for over 500 years. And, guess who is going to inherit all their treasure? (Deu 23:5)

That's right, a super-grace believer.

How the hell did he bounce back that quick?? To now be a super-grace believer??

We don't think so much of Rom 8:28 today we use phrases such as you fall into a sewer and come out smelling like roses

Here is David who has done everything wrong and who was very close to the sin unto death. And the next thing you know he is a millionaire and the next king of Israel. Why? Well one of the reasons is because David called for the ephod while Saul is in a tent with a witch. And not only is David a millionaire but everyone who associated with him during those years is also given millions.

In fact, at the end of this chapter David sends his troops all over sharing his wealth with his friends.

1Sa 30:11 But David pursued, he and 400 men for 200 stayed behind, which were so faint they could not go over the brook Besor

1Sa 30:11 And they found an Egyptian in the field

Now David is doing what he is suppose to be doing and so God puts something in his road to give him information.

found matsa - to discover

God will see to it that we discover the information we need to serve Him properly. This Egyptian could have died anywhere but instead God is working all things together for good. Now, this Egyptian was an Amalikite slave. So notice what they did to him.

and they found and Egyptian in the field and brought him to David and gave him bread and he did eat and they gave him drink water

Here is a picture of Satan's cast off servants unable to be actively employed for his master, he is left in misery due to his weakness to move forward.

They gave him a little bread and water

Never shall one of our Lord's servants say my Master has left me

They're trying to revive him without killing him, so they go slowly. They are using their heads, they are thinking doctrine in the soul allows them to concentrate.

1Sa 30:12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins. And when he had eaten his spirit came again to him

Apparently it took David and his men a few hours to restore this guy.

his spirit ruach - wind, air, or life
his life returned to him

1Sa 30:13 And David said to him, to whom do you belong?

you see David is a man who knows what to do and he does it.

and whence art thou?

Very calm questions, right to the point, David is speaking in a very simple and calm way. Why? This revived slave is scared to death.

I am a young man of Egypt, servant (slave) to an Amalekite and my master left me because three days ago I fell sick

Notice again the divine timing of God. It just so happens that this Egyptian slave fell sick and is left to die. We may expect the same kind of divine mercies when our soul is no longer choked by unjudged and unconfessed sins. And so God provided a needed guide for David and his men. God did not work a miracle for them but by natural means provided them with needed guide.

Notice some of the principles of sovereignty in action:

- 1) The Egyptian just happens to get sic, v 13
- 2) The master just happens to leave him, v 13
- 3) David's men spare his life, v 11 when they had every reason to believe he had taken part in the burning of Ziklag.

- 4) The fact that the slave was an Egyptian and not an Amalekite, v 11
Had he been an Amalekite they would have had to kill him on the spot, Deu 25:19.
- 5) In moving David to show kindness, vs 11
- 6) Notice divine sovereignty in causing the food to so quickly revive him, v 12.
- 7) And notice the slave is so willing to lead David to the Amalekites.

Each of these 7 factors were important in attaining the victory and recovering all. God made all things to work together for good for those who love Him. So He also does for us now how love Him. His providence day by day work just as beautifully and wonderfully on our behalf.

The Amalekites were in a hurry so they left the slave behind. They had invaded 5 places and picked up a tremendous amount of wealth.

1Sa 30:14 We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah and upon the south of Calem, and we burned Ziklag with fire

The Cherethites were Cretans, they were sea pirates and so the Amalekites stole from those that steal. And so these Cherethites were the water pirates and later on David made up a body guard out of these people. they were tough and in 2Sa 8:18; 15:18; 20:7,23. These guys became David's body guard later on in his kingdom.

It was customary in those days for the king to have a foreign body guard that owed allegiance only to the king. Now, David brings up the big question.

1Sa 30:15 And David said to him, can you bring me down to this company and he (the Egyptian) said swear to me by God

He says make a solemn promise to me by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me onto the hands of my master and I will bring thee to this company.

The Egyptian slave knows where the Amalekites are headed. Now God is no respecter of persons but what God does respect is His word. And God is using the slave to vindicate the doctrine in David's soul. When God's word is found in the soul of an individual God must come through for that individual. This is true of David and it's just as true of you some 3,000 years later. We have seen how David tried to solve his own problems. Just as many of you have tried to do.

Notice the beautiful illustration of the Gospel portrayed in these verses. We see a beautiful picture of a lost sinner being saved by Christ. There are so many distinct lines in this narrative that I've chosen to point them out separately:

1) His citizenship, 1Sa 30:11 they found an Egyptian in the field.

In Scripture, Egypt is a symbol of the world, the cosmic system with its morals, values and evils. Egypt is pictured as place where men seek satisfaction and pleasure and search for a good time generally in forgetfulness of God. Pharaoh, who ruled Egypt is a type for satanic rulership in the world. So this slave was an Egyptian or of the world.

2) Notice his terrible condition, vs 13 "I fell sick"

This is the state of every descendant of fallen Adam. Every person has an awful disease at work in him, that disease is sin (OSN). Jam 1:15, sin when it is finished brings forth death.

It is sin which has robbed the soul of its original beauty. Sin darkens the understanding, corrupts the heart, perverts the will, disturbs the emotions, deceives the conscience and leads the self conscience to subjectivity.

Sin paralyzes our ability to exercise a godly relationship. And not only was this Egyptian desperately sick, he was starving. He had nothing to eat nor drink for three days. Like the prodigal son he could cry I perish with hunger.

3) Notice his sad dilemma in verse 13, my master left me because three days ago I fell sick.

He was a slave and now that his master thought he was of no further use to him he heartlessly abandoned him. He left him to perish and that is the way the god of this world treats his servants. He uses them as his tools and instruments as long as he can. then when he cannot use them any more he leaves them to perish. he treated Judas like this and many more.

4) Next we see his deliverance, vs 11. they brought him to David.

There was no doubt he was too weak and sick to come himself, he was brought to David. And so it is for all who come to the one David foreshadowed who also said in Joh 6:44. Each of us have been brought to Christ by the ministry of God the H.S.

5) Notice his deliver. this half dead Egyptian was carried into the presence

of a an after God's own heart. His very ruin and wretchedness drew out the compassion of David toward him. A man after God's own heart must have compassion. And so it is with the deliverer, the Savior, no matter what condition we come to Him in, He is compassionate. No matter what sin has done, or how morally repulsive it has made its victim, He never refuses anyone.

6) his reception, I want to look at next, verse 11 and 12. They gave him bread and he did eat and they made him drink water and they gave him a piece of cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. This is a picture of the divine grace which is stored up in Christ for us all. None who are brought to him by the spirit are ever sent away empty.

This reminds us also of the royal welcome the prodigal received when he came back.

7) Then notice his confession. When David asked him who he belonged to and where did he come from, the slave gave him an honest and straightforward answer. He said in vs 13, I am a young man of Egypt, servant (slave) to an Amalekite. As we are brought to Christ it is important that we acknowledge the truth about ourselves, 1Jo 1:9; 1Co 11:31.

8) And we see his obligation, vs 15. And David said can you bring me down to this company? Notice David asked if the servant would serve him. He didn't command it. The Lord gives us the privilege to serve, He does not force us to do so. the believer is given Rom 12:1.

9) Then observe the servants desire for assurance, vs 15. And he said sware to me by God, that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master and I will bring thee down to this company.

There could be no joy in serving his new master until he was assured that he would not be returned to the old one. J.C. delivers His people not only from the wrath to come but also for eternity.

10) Then finally notice in vs 16, he brought David and his men to the company. He was now devoted to the interests of David, and did as he requested.

So Christians are told in Eph 2:10

1Sa 30:16 And when he had brought him down

This is the Egyptian leading them to the Amalekites.

Behold they were spread abroad upon all the earth (land)

Little does David know that his cup is about to run over, Psa 23:5

David is about to receive a large sum of money and become one of the wealthiest men in the Middle East. And God is about to pour blessings in David's life for about 44 years with the exception of a couple of years. And when you can go 44 years and God is pouring and your cup is running over you have got it made. And when you do have problems you know how to handle them. If you are having problems now that are not being handled you are on the wrong track. You don't need council you need capacity.

The same doctrine that blessed David can bless you. The same doctrine that forms the cup by which god can bless you is the same doctrine that you can handle your problems with. The only answer to your problem is God's

word. God must vindicate doctrine in your soul, Psa 138:2.

Now notice what it says in vs 16 They were spread abroad upon all the earth

they are the Amalekites

The raiding party have already divided the spoils and gone home. they have arrived at their hiding place and they are now having one big party. This valley is filled with people who are partying. Now, notice what they were doing.

eating akal = to feast, celebrate

eating is like going out to dinner to celebrate a victory

and drinking (tying one on) and dancing chagas - and it doesn't mean ballroom dancing. This is sensuous type dancing.

This is dancing that leads to fornication.

there is a party going on but like all parties they must come to an end.

they were partying because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines and out of the land of Judah

1Sa 30:17 And David smote them

smote nakah = to slaughter

This word means not just to kill but when you see some guy who has your

wife in a corner what do you do? Well, you don't just kill him you slaughter him. They didn't just kill them they cut them up real good. This is not a Sunday school picnic they just hacked them to pieces. David and his men were pretty wild.

1Sa 30:17 And David slaughtered them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day

It took 24 hours plus to clean out the valley. These 400 men really went at it. They fought for about 28 or so hours.

And there escaped not a man of them save 400 young men which rode upon camels and fled

Out of 3,000 warriors just 400 young men escaped. David does have the advantage of surprise. A smaller force can attack a larger force under such an advantage. These Amalekites were great warriors but they had been partying and were not properly prepared. Many were caught drunk or with their pants down, literally.

Another advantage for David was that the Amalekite raiders were spread out. If David had caught these people on the trail he would have had tremendous problems talking them.

Notice therefore the timing of God. Ecc 3:11

David is now reaping what God has sown not what he has sown

You see, David has kept his army together and an army together can defeat an army divided. The Amalekites are divided and spread out. It isn't the

size of David's force, it's the concentration of it and how the power is utilized. He kept his force concentrating on one battle at a time and defeated the enemy.

1Sa 30:18 And David recovered all

recovered natsal = to rescue

David rescued all that the Amalekites had carried away

and David rescued his two wives

When a believe recovers and acts by the Lord's directions he can recover all that the has lost an more

The Amalekites probably knew that the Israelites and Philistines were engaged in fighting each other miles away. I'm sure they also thought that David and his men were also assisting the king of Gath. Thinking to be safer and secure they began to party and consume what they captured. They are so rapped up in the lusts of their flesh that they don't even place guards to notice an enemies approach! Consequently David and his small but organized force come upon them unaware and make a dreadful slaughter of them. 1Th 5:3

Just as the sick and abandoned Egyptian was a symbol of the Lord saving one so, these flesh indulging Amalekites portray careless sinners who are suddenly destroyed by Christ, 2th 1:7-9; Jud 14, 15

God has given such unspeakable solemn warnings in His word but they have no restraining effect upon the Satan-drugged world. The majority live

as though there were no eternity to come. Or no judgment day. Everyone must appear before God to give an account of their deeds they have done in their body. And everyone will be sentenced according to their works.

Many know how brief and uncertain this life is but even in death no lasting serious impressions are made on those still alive. Instead they continue in their pleasure loving world, hardened to the divine warnings, deaf to the voice of conscience. Many disregard and mock any invitations or truth that they may receive from Christian friends or the servants of God. Many are just present day Amalekites, eating and drinking and dancing in their fake system of security. They call it having a good time. But what was their carnal security worth? Answer, nothing. David slaughtered them. David was just as truly a type of Christ here as he was with the Egyptian.

The same one who saves those that come to him is the same who destroys those who reject him. The young man of Egypt was with David when he came upon the Amalekites. He once belonged to their company and was one of them, had he not been separated from them he would have probably died with them. If you are not saved, separate yourselves from the world and receive J.C. as Savior. If not your destiny is the same as the Amalekites.

1Sa 30:10

David recovered everything that he had lost that is Rom 8:28

But remember David is under the Jam 4:6 principle of more grace i.e., greater grace. David is under the principle of super grace and under super

grace he is going to recover all the wealth of Amalekek.

1Sa 30:20

They took all of the flocks and herds and said these now belong to David. So David has acquired a phenomenal amount of prosperity. But remember, the principle... David had to lose everything before he recovered and received all that God had for him.

Now in verse 21 we actually have the beginning of a new story. You know success always destroys the carnal believer. Success never destroys the mature believer. 1Sa 30:20

These men were failures and totally undeserving. They should have gone on but they didn't, they lacked self-discipline and were in terrible physical and spiritual condition. So, there arises some murmuring and complaining. These were the ones who were so exhausted that they could not follow David. They should have followed but they did not.

"saluted" shaal (shalom) = peace and prosperity be with you.

Now notice next those same men that went with David will now be the ones who fail. They will expose their greediness and selfishness and legalism. One of the signs that a person reveals when they are involved with legalism and backsliding is the concept of earning and deserving or everyone must do their part. In vs 22 David has some men who are going to reveal their self righteousness. These men have apparently forgotten the principal of grace and the fact that they did not earn or deserve a thing. One of the most dangerous times is right after a victory.

These men forgot where they came from just a few days before. They were on the ground crying over Ziklag.

1Sa 30:22

the question arose, should these 200 men reap what they showed or shall they reap what God sowed with the 400? They have sowed total failure. If everything had depended on the 400 there would have been no success. The secret to success resides in who and what God is. Now, there are some wicked, self-righteous soldiers who have decided that the 200 left behind will not share in the spoil.

"wickedness" belial = wickedness

Notice the words - we have recovered

Legalists always think it's something they did that blessed them.

And then they are going to be very fair, so they say save (except) to everyman his wife and his children that they may lead them away and depart

They don't even want to give their furniture which had been taken. Notice that David's men have decided what David is going to do These men or sons of Belial first reject David's authority. they have rejected the leadership of David, and do not even consult him. They have made policy contrary to God's grace.

Now David is the leader and the one that is in authority not them. And these men also said not only will we not give them their own belongings,

but let them depart or vanish. So this is really a challenge of David's leadership and authority. This is really legalism vs grace. They are all in the same boat, God has graced them out.

Summary:

- 1- this verse indicates that some of the men in David's batallion have not recovered as David has recovered.
- 2- Legalists always turn to a merit system like, you must earn and deserve my friendship and love.
- 3- Legalists are very self-righteous and proud of their achievements.
- 4- Legalists want people to earn things.
- 5- They ignore God's grace and separate from those who are not legalists.
- 6- Legalists make laws and rules or set policies that are against God and against Grace.
- 7- Legalists therefore reject true authority and set up their own instead.
- 8- The legalist loves to deny God's grace and benefits to others.

1Sa 30:23

This is where a leader is really tested. What will he do when others by-pass his authority? People want leadership, people have approbation lust, people have power lust. So, David says, Ye shall not do so my brethren, with that

which the Lord has given us. The Lord has given it and that's the real issue.

David recognizes that neither he nor any of the others deserve a thing. It's all the Lords and he and the 400 were zeros. When they came out recovering everything with all this tremendous wealth they were still zeros.

And these zeros criticized the other zeros who stayed behind. And that is always the way it is that's how problems start in churches. One bunch of zeros criticize another bunch of zeros. You see, we are all zeros. God's grace makes the difference. And, the only time that zeros become anything is when God's grace adds. The 400 who continued the pursuit were just as helpless as the 200 men who stayed behind. They were just simply helpless in different ways. Please be careful that you do not criticize those who fail to measure up to your natural abilities or natural strengths. Everyone has in the natural realm different weaknesses and different strengths. And when people seem to be weak when we are strong there is a tendency to become critical.

And David is saying, the 200 men were weak in one way but the others were weak in another way. These men are like the elder brother. We are all weak before God. God provides for the helplessness of each individual believer through doctrine.

So, David says you shall not do so my brethren, with that which the Lord has given us, who has preserved us

All 600 men came out without a scratch

the kal imp of shamar indicates that there was not one casualty

and god delivered the company that came against us into our hand

So now we see the dynamics of a grace-man in leadership, David applies grace and doctrine. Through doctrine David has the moral and courage to stand up for what is right. David lives by the principles of fairness and justice which comes from doctrine. Legalism always puts pressure on leadership but good leadership defeats legalism.

Now this same group of legalists were probably the same ones who wanted to stone David at Ziklag

1Sa 30:24

who will listen to this false doctrine?

they shall part (share) alike

prin - success never spoils a super-grace believer

Some of you are in super-grace or are going to reach it Some of you are going to have your soul filled with doctrine and have cups that run over. David has over ruled the appeal of the men in his batallion of not sharing their blessings with others who are undeserving. Grace is going to be the policy. The policy is stated in vs 24b but as his share is who goes down to the battle so shall his share be who stayed with the baggage

They did not fight but helped by guarding the heavy baggage.

In God's work there are two forms of service, direct and indirect, the fighters and the guards.

1Sa 30:25

In other words, it was established as a policy.

statue choq = commandment, a custom, a law

ordinance mishpat = a right and privilege given from justice

Grace is a right and privilege given from justice not love

1Sa 30:26

The spoil is all the goods that he accumulated in war

David made friends with the many people that he met while he was running from Saul. he made friends everywhere. people gave him shelter and food and some great friendships were developed. And so while it wasn't apparent when we were studying it, one thing David did in his time of disaster was make friends. Remember, that when Saul was pursuing him David was a mature believer and therefore David reaps what God sows. Remember also, the carnal believer reaps what he sows, gal 6:7

The mature believer reaps what God sows, Gal 6:8

Why did God permit King Saul to keep pursuing, even after David had saved his life? The answer is very simple, David is going to reap what God sows, God is sowing to David some lifetime friends. And these are very rare and very important to any individual. To actually have life time friends is a sign of stability and character To change friends constantly is a sign of instability. Question, do you still have friends that you have had for a long time or do you change friends constantly. If you do then you can conclude

you are an unstable person. When you change friends like you change clothes you are very unstable.

DOCTRINE OF FRIENDSHIP

Let's take a look at the doctrine of friendship.

What is a true friend?

Point 1) Definition. A friend is someone who has warm regard and affection toward another.

Pro 17:17 A friend loves at all times

loveth ahab = one who makes his love manifested **through action**

And he is a brother who is born for adversity

In times of trouble friends show themselves friends. A friend is also someone that levels with you and pulls no punches. Gal 4:16

Pro 27:6

Point 2) For the believer, true friendship is revealed by Godly counsel. Pro 27:9

Pro 27:9 ointment shemen = the anointing of Godly presence, and perfume i.e, smell from within rejoice the heart, give inner happiness so does the sweetness methequ - pleasantness and communion of the soul of a man's friend by hearty counsel counsel from the heart.

Point 3) Friends help sharpen each others appearance, character, and nature.

Many times this is done with constructive criticism or by not going along with a friend's foolishness. Pro 27:17 iron sharpens iron so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. = to make shine by rubbing closely together.

Point 4) Deceitfulness and flattery in friendships even effect the children of those involved.

Job 17:5 He who speaks flattery to his friends even the eyes of his children shall fail

Children must be taught the beauty of friendship.

Point 5) Having friends depart from you is used as a form of divine discipline, Psa 38:11. Or as a part of undeserved suffering as in Job 19:14. My family and familiar friends have forgotten me.

Point 6) Divine friendship is the result of the faith-rest life. It pleases god and reveals our trust in His integrity and character, jam 2:23

Point 7) The greatest manifestation of friendship s revealed by self-sacrifice, Joh 13:13-15.

Obedience reveals our friendship to the Lord, vs 14.

Point 8) Epaphroditus, in Phi 2:24, proved his friendship to Paul by ministering to him and giving him money for his needs.

Point 9) True friendship is very profitable for one another, Ecc 4:9-12

And it is rewarded by the grace of God a sin 2Ti 1:16

true friends do not forsake in times of disaster, humiliation or defeat.

Point 10) There is a verse that is frequently mis-quoted from the KJ Bible, the reason why it is mis-quoted is because it is mis-translated. Pro 18:24 should read, He that maketh many friends doeth it to his own destruction, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother

The desire for many friends is very dangerous because it can lead to compromise

Point 11) Old friends are to be cherished and remembered, 1Sa 30:26; Pro 27:10

Point 12) Believers should develop friendships with those that are positive toward doctrine, 2Co 6:14; Psa 119:63

Point 13) As with all doctrines there must be an alert... a negative. Be careful of the familiar friend in whom you trust who will betray you as in Psa 41:9. The one who will not have compassion in time of disaster as in Job 6:14. The one who will deceive you for personal gain as did Jonadab to Amnon, 2Sa 13:3. And he helped Amnon to sin. Be careful for those so called friends who contribute to causing you to fall. Be careful for those who become your friend because of what they can get from you. Pro 19:6

Be careful for those so called friends who flatter you with their speech as in Pro 27:14. The ones who are friendly with you for your wealth, Pro 19:4. The ones who forsake you and flee when you need them the most as in Mar 14:50. The ones who use you and never return the kindness that you show them, Luk 15:16. The ones whom you love who turn against you as in Job 19:19.

So the best and safest way is operate in Micah 7:5, trust not in a friend but trust in the Lord cf Pro 18:24b

Point 14) Those that are friends with the world i.e., the cosmic system, are considered to be enemies of God, Jam 4:4.

End of Doctrine of Friendship.

Back to our passage in 1 Samuel 30

1Sa 30:26

Not only was the tremendous wealth distributed to the 200 men that were left behind but they received equal shares. David also gave great wealth to all those who were his friends during his years of persecution. These were true friends, these will be lifetime friendships. One of the great blessings in this life is friendship. True friends are very scarce and people can accumulate wealth much easier than they can true friends.

You see, in true friendship you have to have something in your soul to have something to offer. You can't always take, take, take in a friendship. Friendship is give and take. So, David's friends are going to be blessed by association. You never know when you might be blessed by association. Another principle that is taught here is that David gives in a true sense... as does a true friend, with no strings attached! He gives to these people for one reason, because he loves them. How many of you have ever given without strings? When you run into someone who gives without strings who gives because they are not trying to get something from you, you are in the presence of a real friend.

Giving without strings is a sign of true love, integrity and character. You ladies or men who are sometimes very possessive, if you truly love a person you will want that person to be happy. So you give a love without strings, i.e., no ball and chain on him, no stop watch on them, no crystal ball to spy with.

So, giving of yourself, your time, your love, your material things, without strings is a sign of true love. And contrary to some commentators David was not giving to these men so that they would make him king. He wasn't paying for a campaign so that he could be elected king. These people were simply true friends and David was rewarding them in appreciation. Now, notice in vs 26B what his men said, saying behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the Lord

1Sa 30:27 Bethel = the house of God

David didn't spend much time in Bethel but it doesn't take too long to establish a friendship.

The people of Bethel were very much for David and it was great rapport right from the start.

And to them which were south Ramoth and to them which were in Jattir

These are both mountain area cities on a hill and David stopped there to receive help

1Sa 30:28

These were all desert towns:

Aroer, nudity of situation

Siphmoth, bare-spot

Eshtemoa, place of obedience

1Sa 30:29

Rachal = place of business

Jerahmeelites = places of compassion

Kenites = place of the first born and the Kenites were not even Jews.

The Kenites were an Arab group that was actually friends with Israel.

1Sa 30:30-31

accustomed to roam is just one word, halak = true character can make friends under all circumstances.

Last time we saw how a mature believer is never greedy, he is generous. And all of Judah was blessed because David had a cup (capacity) from doctrine.

David had a cup and God started pouring and remember, God has all the money in the universe. He could make every believer in the world a millionaire if He wanted to, God never runs out of blessing.

So David writes in Psa 23:5b, my cup runneth over

His cup runs over and 400 fighting men get a wonderful share. His cup runs over and the elders of Judah get a share. David also says in Psa 23:6...God was running and following David pouring into his cup. Why? Because David had a cup in his soul. Everywhere David goes he takes his soul with him and wherever his soul goes, doctrine and blessings go. So he fell in the sewer of Ziklag and he came up smelling like roses.

Now, how did David get that way? Answer, God must vindicate doctrine. God is not impressed with YOU, but He is impressed wherever He sees His word dwelling.

Now, Psa 112 deals with the prosperity of the mature believer. This is an acrostic Psalm of ancient file on blessings for the mature believer. This is David's complete alphabetical file on this subject. Psa 112:1, the aleph file

The aleph is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. All these letters remember signify certain things. The aleph represents an ox and an ox signifies prosperity. The more oxen you had in an agricultural economy, the greater the assets of the individual.

So he starts out with praise ye the Lord

This is not said like it is so often said today, with all noise and no backing from the soul. Praise is the piel imp of halal and in the piel stem it is very intensive. the imperative mood mans it s a command. So here is a mature believer very intense with his praise and occupation with the Lord and the imp mood means he is demanding for others to do the same.

This indicates the mature believer's capacity and the blessings in this Psalm is God filling the mature believer's cup or capacity. Now, praise ye the Lord is really the title. this is one time the translators slipped up and they should have put it in the title as they so often do.

The file actually begins with the word blessed. And the first word of the sentence naturally begins with the letter aleph, blessed (ashere) plural of blessings or happinesses.

Once you build a structure in your soul you have happiness. When you move up to maturity you have happiness again, inner and overt. This same

concept is taught and brought out in Phi 4:4

The doubling of the verb rejoice is the same concept as our word happinesses.

There is double blessing for any believer in maturity.

The first blessing comes from occupation with Christ. You love Him because you know Him or you have received knowledge of Him. The second blessing comes when God pours into your cup. So you have a double happiness: spiritual and material. And, don't kid yourself, God wants to materially bless believers in the devil's world. It just tears the demons all apart when God takes some zero and blesses him.

This is why the intake of doctrine is so important without it nothing in life is worth while. Until you have a cup for God to pour into you have nothing. And you may have a very good opinion of yourself and others may even join in with your opinion of yourself but the opinion of the human race is absolutely meaningless. And the sooner you learn that what people think of you doesn't mean a thing, the sooner you will be better off. What God thinks is far more important than what the entire human race thinks. This is why the most important thing in your life is what you are doing right now, the intake of doctrine.

Jam 4:14

Without occupation with Christ life becomes meaningless Rom 8:28

Now in vs 1 of Psa 112 we have the second letter of the alphabet, beth

The beth file comes next and represents a house. The house refers to the

place of the intake of doctrine.

The Hebrew starts out with bemitzotaw which is the first word and as you can see it starts with a b

this is the beth file

bemitzotaw means in His precepts, in His doctrines, in His principles. from which comes the word delighteth - chapetz = to have great happiness in something. It means to delight in, to be pleased in, to desire. And it has the adverb greatly which means to have maximum delight. So it should read, In His doctrine or precepts he delights greatly to the maximum

Psa 112:1 Happinesses to the man that is occupied with the Lord in His doctrines he delights exceedingly to the maximum

Notice the two go together.

A mature believer has a constant desire and delight for B.D., a great appetite for it. On the way to maturity that isn't always true from time to time you don't want doctrine. That is when we have to gut it out. Become disciplined and remain faithful. And so the beth file represents a house, the house of the Lord i.e., the place you learn B.D. The house in the days of David was the tabernacle and that is where David learned his original doctrine.

Psa 112:2 again we have two files

The first is the Gimel file, Gimel is the third letter of the Hebrew alphabet and represents a camel which indicates travel and trade in the ancient

world. The camel would bring any gifts and prosperity to people.

People are always concerned about their children and their well being. The greatest thing you can do for your children is to become a mature believer. Now the first word in the sentence is mighty. Mighty (gibor) is the gimel root and means valiant, success. The word order in the Heb is as follows valiant or mighty upon earth is his seed

Bible doctrine guarantees that a believer is going to be blessed of God. That is B.D. in the soul. God always preserves and blesses wherever His word is. That's why we have the preservation of the Canon of Scripture. He has magnified His word above His name and so He must vindicate doctrine in our souls.

You could be the crummiest crum that ever came along and God must vindicate doctrine in your soul, of course how crummy can you be if you have put doctrine in your soul

As a matter of fact, it's the only thing that He will vindicate, because He is not a respecter of persons. People are always talking about what kind of estate can they leave behind, etc. What can they do for their children and the answer is, keep on learning divine viewpoint. B.D. is the greatest inheritance any of our children could ever inherit. One generation can not make a better world for the next generation. But with doctrine communicated as the heritage each generation will produce mighty heroes, men of courage, and valiant soldiers.

And so this verse literally is saying valiant soldiers, men of courage upon the earth become his seed

Our next file is the dalet file, daleth, the fourth letter of the Heb alph signifies a door the next generation walks through the door, one generation moves out the next one moves in And so the blessing of the next generation is the concept of the door. So we read the generation of the upright shall be blessed

generation dor = the next generation

If one generation is going to leave anything by way of the next one, it must be in the realm of doctrine

upright yashar = nobility

Nobility is based on doctrine, it means to have character and integrity. Nobility, character and integrity are not inherited they are taught. Now, what's the principle? Who says who is noble? Answer, God says who is noble. God's evaluation system is different than mens, 1Sa 16:7. and what does God look for on the heart? Sincerity? Morality? No, Bible doctrine.

He must vindicate His word. God cannot ignore His word on the soul do any individual. The sooner you learn this the sooner you will become confident and secure in your believer priesthood and ambassadorship.

Psa 112:3, we have the 5th letter, the He file which represents a window or one's outlook on life, one's viewpoint.

By the way, all of these meanings can be found in Gesenius study book of O.T. words. Now here is the viewpoint that God wants you to understand. The window is the divine outlook or div vwpnt. And under the divine viewpoint of vs 3 what does God want you to have by way of victory in the

A.C.? Does God want you to be without, to suffer needlessly, to be a flip-flop? No, God's objective is to make you wealthy and prosperous.

Psa 112:3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house

You see, this is the He file and with windows you not only can look out of them but you can also light in. And the falling angels look in and see all that wealth and prosperity which glorifies God.

wealth and riches refer to two categories of standards for wealth, wealth stands for prosperity and riches stands for luxuries. David is really strong on this because he has just come back from Amalek. he has about 500 years of accumulated wealth and hard work for the Amelekites.

He was a zero at Ziklag but he encourage himself in the Lord.

wealth hon- (hone) the wealth of the soul, ability and power to handle prosperity, pro 1:13; 3:9. there is no meaning to material wealth unless the believer has soul wealth.

riches - osher - materialistic things i.e., blessings in the details of life.

Now the principle is very beautiful in this He file David looked out he window toward God (Occ with Christ) and now God starts pouring because David has a cup. And now the whole world including the fallen angels are looking in and they are seeing fantastic wealth.

Pro 24:4

Our next file is the Vav File this is the 6th letter and represents a hook or a nail. The hook or the peg is that on which the plan of God hangs. And the plan of God depends upon the character of God. And since God is perfect His plan is perfect and since His plan is perfect there must be a perfect

provision for each problem. You and I are in God's plan And in His plan you can go toward maturity and there is great blessing or in His plan you can go toward carnality and there is great discipline there. You make your own you choice, cursing or blessing.

Whichever way you go God guarantees you something. You get into carnality God guarantees you misery and that you will reap what you sow. You go toward maturity and God guarantees that you will reap what you sow. And this is all based on God's righteousness. So we read in the vav file in the second half of vs 3 and His righteousness endureth forever

Notice it's from God's righteousness i.e., the basis for His doing not from God's love. God is love but from His righteousness He pours out blessing.

God blesses us on the basis of his righteousness not on the basis of His love. You see, it was his righteousness which was satisfied at the cross not His love. It was his love that sent Christ to the cross, but it was His justice that was propitiated. It was the love of Christ for which He died for us, but his +R that saved us. Love cannot save. If it could the whole world would be saved, Joh 3:16.

there is nothing more stable than God's +R and God says look, I'm going to bless you on the basis of my +R not my love. Now, that tells me something right away. That tells me that God blesses me because of His +R not MY self-R.

My righteousness doesn't impress God a bit. And the first thing we learn is, if God is going to bless you on the basis of His +R then you can count on God keeping His word. Why? Because God is +R. If God says you have eternal life, you can count on having it. the thing that makes a man or

woman count is the +R in their soul. Now there is a principle here I merely mentioned wealth as one of the blessings but it could be something else. I mean God could give some of you a million dollars and you wouldn't be wealthy it would be gone in a week.

But He blesses in different ways. For some it's going to be promotion For some the love life of the century. For some it's great success, whatever it may be it is all dependent on God's +R.

So this is the vav file, everything hangs on the righteousness of God. I'd rather hang things on a person's relationship with the +R of God than upon a person's love. And so this verse says Psa 112:3b And His righteousness endureth forever

his +R lasts forever. It will always stand, and remains stable. And our salvation, our eternal life, our divine blessings all come from His +R.

The cross propitiated God's +R and justice and now God the Father is free to pour out blessings where His word exists. Blessings pursue the doctrinal.

Next in vs 4 is the zain file. Zain is the 7th letter and stands for a sword, or a weapon. The Bible is a sword according to Heb 4:12.

Psa 112:4

the correct word order in the Hebrew is There ariseth in darkness a light to the righteous ones

there ariseth zarach = to rise as the sun, it speaks of God's coming into a man's life, as the sun is faithful to shine, so God's faithfulness darkness represents any period of disaster or tragedy in life.

the light refers to doctrine in the soul under certain conditions. Whatever the condition, doctrine can meet the needs! David at Ziklag had doctrine come to his aid in the midst of disaster.

Everything was dark for David now everything is light

the upright - yashar - noble ones.

The next file, the cheth file, is the 8th letter and represents a fence or an enclosure. you may be saved but it doesn't mean that you will be surrounded or fenced in by blessings. This file is only for those inside the fence. Those inside the fence are believers operating in maturity. It says he is gracious and full of compassion, and righteous

All these are characteristics of those who become light in a dark world.

gracious - channuwn - cheth file, to be merciful and compassionate a mature believer is someone who is gracious, full of compassion and righteous.

The 9th letter is the teth file which refers to relationships or associations two people are hooked up together in the teth file and one is the authority.

showeth favor = keeps on being gracious

good man tobh is the teth

the tobh man is the mature believer who keeps on being gracious and lendeth...

lendeth - lawah - to cling to

this is the teth file which represents relationship and the mature believer clings to the Lord. This verse should say a good man keeps on being gracious and clings. Clings has to do with his relationship toward God, His loved ones and friends.

The next file found in the fifth verse is the yodh file, the 10th letter. This file means the hand and speaks of the power of God. The KJs says he will guide His affairs with discretion. he will guide means He will sustain - affairs (dabar) His words, His matters, the things He speaks of

the yodh is found in the word guide = jakuwl, to maintain or sustain

he will sustain His words with discretion or with judgment

David is saying the mature believer is very discreet and filled with discernment when he makes decisions. And God will sustain the affairs or the words that the mature believer speaks.

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Psa 112:6, we have the 11th letter, the kaph is the hollow of the hand, Joh 10:28

It speaks of the believers great stability surely He shall not be moved forever

The mature believer is stabilized, he is not shaken

forever kiyolam - always at all times

he shall not be moved - mowt - to slip, or fall away

Psa 112:6b lamedh file which is an ox goad used for guiding

The lamedh = an ox goad on which one side is pointed for prodding and the other side has a handle, the smooth side for gently guiding. The ox goad was to keep the ox working and to jab them to get working when they slowed down.

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance

The word order is in remembrance forever shall be the righteous

Rev 3:12 names written in heaven

Every time you are blessed as a mature believer in this life God puts it in His memory book. What lasts forever? The blessings you have in life are remembered forever. The people who God has blessed, promoted, made wealthy and successful. All will make an impact in the historical section of heaven.

remembrance lezeke - for a memorial, for a beautiful scent

it means to literally enter into God's hall of fame in eternity.

Psa 112:7 the mem file represents water or waves. he shall not be afraid of evil tidings

When God pours disaster it doesn't fear you up.

evil tidings bad news

It means that when bad news comes he shall not be afraid

Which means very simply that every now and then God pours adversity into your cup. And when God pours adversity there is still blessing since all suffering is designed for blessing.

tidings mishemuwah - bad news, bad reports and evil doctrines

The next file is the nun file which represents a fish. The nun file refers to divine provision. His heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord

Because his heart is stabilized he is confident in the Lord.
nakun - to be stabilized, confident, and secure.

kal passive i.e, he receives confidence from trusting in the Lord

In vs 8 we again have two files The first file is the Samech file i., a fulcrum i.e, used for leverage in the ancient world. This speaks of taking the load of the pressures and problems of life off the believer. Doctrine gives us the leverage to take the load right off.

Psa 112:8 His heart is established

established kal/pass/part samak = to support, to uphold or to sustain

his heart is pas voice being sustained

Doctrine not only gives you a capacity for blessing but the same doctrine is the leverage to lift up your burdens. Any of the bad effects of pressure and heartache is lifted up by doctrine. And because of that he shall not be afraid.

afraid kal imp of yare = no worry or anxiety about the future

in the same verse we have the 16th letter - ayin, which means an eye and also a water fountain

Until he see (his desire) upon his enemies

In other words his heart shall be stabilized until he sees the conquest over his enemies

Victory over our enemies releases us from pressure. Until AD as long as

As long as the mature believer looks toward Christ and not toward his enemies he will see the victory.

17th letter pe which stands for a mouth. his mouth speaks words of grace this explains what David did as a mature believer after the Ziklag disaster.

psa 112:9 he hath dispersed

dispersed pazar - to distribute liberally or without strings. Remember what David did to all his friends. He didn't keep all his wealth, he distributed it

He hath distributed gracefully he hath given to the poor

poor ebyown - those in distress, those in need, the guilty

he has given graciously refers to those he gave to at the end of 1sa 30

and the poor were those left by the brook of Besor

And so David gave to those in distress, they were in real trouble. This is the pe file and represents a mouth, David didn't forget his friends and didn't judge this guilty.

Eph 4:30

Now in this 9th verse we also have another file, the tzade file which represents a reaping hook

His righteousness endureth forever

righteousness

tsedaqah = justice and righteousness

This is a repetition of the principle that David recognized that he is being blessed not by the love of God but by the absolute righteousness of God. The +R of God was propitiate on the cross so He is free to bless us. And with the cup in the soul He is free to pour. And, as I pointed out to you if someone says, I love you or I want to help you and then gives form love it could be dangerous. Why? Because if love is hooked up with emotion it will not mean anything. When some people say I love you it means I hate you or I'm going to use you. But when that love comes from +R and character then it is meaningful. God gives on the basis of His +R.

The 19th letter is the koph file and refers to the back of the head or the

subconscious

his horn represents power and strength

The koph is equivalent to the English Q

horn quren refers to power in the sense of ability. God has the ability to promote you and bless you. So His horn means His power or His ability shall be exalted with honor

honor = glory

God is glorified when He can actually bless you and promote you. God is glorified when He is able to pour into your cup this glorifies God in the AC.

Believer gets the blessing and God gets the glory, Rom 8:28

This is the only time God can reveal His love for you in suffering. You see, God will pour some suffering too. to show you how He can provide for you in grace. Why was David a man after God's own heart? us he reached SM and became the recipient of fantastic blessings.

Psa 112:10 the resh file is the conscious mind the frontal lobe

the wicked shall see it and be grieved

wicked rasha = the passive slothful backslider

he sees you getting blessed and God pouring it out to you. The wicked or the proud arrogant believer generally thinks of the mature believer as a jerk and a loser. And so the wicked shall see it and be grieved

grieved kaas = irritated and frustrated

One thing that tore up many of David's enemies and that was they saw David getting blessed.

Next file the shin file which represents a tooth and the first word in the sentence is teeth, shinaw = it signifies the outward expression of the inward emotions

His teeth (the jealous backslider) he shall gnash or grind

and melt away - masas - he becomes discouraged

So the backslider is punished by seeing the blessing of the mature believer

he is reaping what he sows

the law of retribution is illustrated in this file as a tooth for a tooth

Finally the last letter is the tau file which stands for the signature in the form of a cross. this closes out the file. And when the backslider is depressed and discouraged and irritated by seeing your blessing what does he finally do? He finally just fades away

the desire i.e, taawah = the lust of the wicked shall perish

he gets frustrated and irritated every time he sees you getting blessed. he wears himself out with envy. Eventually he just fades out completely. And right after David wrote this Psalm Saul faded away.

1Sa 28

Now before we begin I want to remind you that whenever demonism or any related subject is discussed unusual things often happen. It's usually more difficult for people to concentrate when we talk about the kingdom of darkness.

Now 1Jo 4:4 says greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world he that is in the world is Satan himself, the ruler of this world.

And we must recognize that he administers his authority by means of a great unseen host of fallen angels known as demons. As believes in TLJC we are the direct enemies of Satan and his fallen angels. In Rev 12:4 Satan took 1/3 of the angels in heaven with him and his rebellion. Don't get shocked when the ministry loses its members, God lost 1/2. Satan specializes in unseen attacks. Now in our passage we will see how demons have been in constant contact with the human race. Ever since the fall, the great unseen forces belonging to Satan rallied together to a very strong fighting force. And from that time until the present demonism is a reality on this earth. any of the good-deed programs, many of the feed the hungry movements, are directly related to demonism. Some of the sweetest and nicest heroes are demon possessed individuals. In the beginning of human history demons enjoyed a different type of relationship with the human race. It is interesting to note that in the cases where the demon controls the woman, abnormal behavior is very limited and minor. It is when a demon possesses a man that some obvious evil comes into the picture. Ever since Gen 6 when demons had sexual intercourse with the women on the earth certain fallen angels have been placed in a prison So that today it is

impossible for any angelic creature to have sexual relations with a woman. Instead the demons can only control the body or the soul of the members of the human race. Demon influence and or demon possession is now the order of the day However, free will involvement is the only way demons can operate.

Now demon possession is definitely a part of our study of the witch of Endor. A demon possessed person is not always someone who has an abnormal behavior Sometimes it could be someone very beautiful and charming or very strong and handsome. that is the kind of demon possession we face in this chapter. This woman is of a normal behavior And when you meet her you are in for some great surprises.

Now the witch of Endor lived a long, long time ago in a land and time when human sacrifice was offered up to idols. An idol is nothing but a false image backed by a demon. Children were sacrificed to these idols. Also many women were sacrificed, especially virgins, because the gods hadn't had sex for a week. And by killing the woman the body would be dead on the altar but the soul would supposedly go to the god or the idol. They would teach that the virgin's soul would possess a body in the after-world to have sex with gods. Even children were sacrificed because the gods were abnormal and wanted sex with children. (Only a weirdo would follow such a weird God.)

So great cruel activity came out of the beliefs of the ancient world. And whether we are talking about the witch of Endor, a very calm and law abiding beautiful woman, or abnormal behavior, there are various forms of demon activity.

Let's look at some of the concepts of demonism:

1) Demon possession does not always mean abnormal behavior. the witch of Endor is different than most of our demon-possessed concepts. There are many people who are totally accepted by society who are demon possessed.

2) God ordained capital punishment for anyone who was demon possessed in Israel, Lev 20:27.

3) Demon's are also the gods of many nations, Psa 96:5.

Nations many follow Buddha, Mohammed, Krishna, but they are really following demons.

4) Demonism is also the source of murder. Many of the hippie murders like Sharon Tate and Charles Manson had been accomplished under demon possession.

(I saw a special on what the real reason was for the Tate house murders by Manson, and the Tates had just moved in. Before them it was Doris Day's son who lived there and he had recently turned down Charles Manson for an acting part. Day's son was a producer or director, whatever. Well, Manson was so infuriated that he found his address [which took some time] by the time he and his cronies made it over to the supposed Day's son house they happened upon the Tate family and followed through.)

Satan has the power of death which he has delegated to demons when permitted to do so this is taught in 1Jo 3:8; Heb 2:14-15. Many of our teenagers listen to music that demons use to promote suicide. Remember, demons were delegated by Satan to kill the 10 children of Job. Job had 10 children (7 sons and 3 daughters) and Satan had them killed by demons, job

1:12-19.

It was some demon under Satan's command that motivated Cain to kill Able, 1Jo 3:12; Joh 8:44

Satan was given the opportunity of executing the sin unto death to a born-again believer in Corinth in 1Co 5:5. He was placed under the sin unto death and turned over unto Satan for the destruction of his flesh. But remember, his spirit was saved though his body was not. So, Satan is a killer and he has delegated this authority to demons. Many murders are the result of demon influence or demon possession. Satan and his demons are also a source of disease. We have the thorn in the flesh, 2Co 12:7 The skin cancer that came to Job in Job 2:6-8. And many other diseases like deafness, dumbness, blindness, all of which we studied before.

There are three excellent books on the subject of demonism that I would recommend for your personal reading if you can find them:

- 1) Earth's Earliest Ages, G.H.Pember
- 2) Biblical demonology, Merril Unger (1st edition!)
- 3) Demon Possession, John L Nevios

Those are just some of the concepts of demonism, for a detailed study get the doctrine of demonism we have available.

Now, in our passage we are dealing with a woman who is called the witch of Endor

A witch is not always someone who is old and ugly, in fact, the witch of Endor was apparently young and beautiful. A witch simply means a medium and a medium means someone who has a demon. This woman had a demon named Obh (Ov) in the Hebrew. In the Greek it is called

eggastromutos (demon of the vocal chords)

A very excellent and talented demon who controls the vocal chords and also operates as a type of ventriloquist. They can make their voice come out of a tree or out of the ground or even out of a person. In fact, there are movements in this world that totally promote these demons known as the tongues movements. And the eggastromuthos demon is a very busy demon in the U.S. today! Many unbelievers speak in tongues through the power of this demon. For the true use of tongues direct you to 1Co 14:21-22; Isa 28:9-11. The apostle Paul states that when a person becomes mature he puts away childish things such as tongues 1Co 13:8-10. Tongues continues as a satanic operation even through the tribulation, 2Th 2:7-12

Satan has used tongues as a cheap substitute for the intake of doctrine. In fact, you rarely ever find someone into tongues and doctrine. Many Christians use tongues as an emotional outlet for their weekly frustrations. Now, here we have a case of a ventriloquist demon. One who never had a chance to open his mouth. Many times the ventriloquist demon in the middle of the scene would control the vocal chords of the medium who would fall unconscious. This is called a trance. A trance means the woman has lost consciousness and the demon now speaks using the vocal chords of the unconscious person. There are times also when the medium is conscious as in the case of the witch of Endor. Now, it is never possible for anyone to contact the dead. We cannot contact the dead and there is not a glass sea where loved ones can see you. The ventriloquist demon often throws his voice from out of the ground because most people believed that is where the dead were... in Sheol. Now in this passage we are going to see King Saul sitting around a table waiting for the witch of Endor to do her thing. But instead she stands up and screams. She was not a hysterical woman or one foaming at the mouth type of witch. There was not throwing

up of green soup and all that type of stuff. She screams because something happened that never happened before at a seance. The dead really came back! She freaks out and meanwhile Saul thinks the whole thing is routine. God in his great sense of humor actually brings Samuel back. In fact, at the end of this chapter the witch of Endor ends up being the woman of Endor 1Sa 28:1

Now the Philistines were the enemies of Israel. And in the battle of Giboea which was about to take place, Saul will be outsmarted and out-thought by King Achish. There is not a reason in the world why an unbeliever should ever out-smart a believer but Saul is like many believer today totally ignorant of God's word And looking or the supernatural he is way out of line.

Many Christians have their own witch of Endor called fake healers or miracle workers. But here Saul, a believer, will be defeated by an unbeliever, why? Because a believer minus doctrine is dumber than an unbeliever. Saul is a passive, slothful, backslider who has neglected the word of the Lord.

In fact, turn to 1Ch 10:13-14 and let's look at why Saul died. Back to 1Sa 28:1, and it came to pass in those days that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, together with Israel and Achish said to David, know tho assuredly

Now remember, we have studied the first two verses in 1Sa 28 and I'm merely going over them to set the scene. But this is actually before the Ziklag disaster. Know tho assuredly = be alert, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, you and your men. Remember, this placed David in a jam. David is a Jew and the war is against his own people. Now, in vs 2 we have

operation strap-on. David is caught in a real jam. And it's all because he didn't trust in the Lord and he took his men into Philistia and hired himself out to the enemy. And remember, this is a picture of what happens when God's people go to the world for help. David is now in a serious jam as a result of previous problems. As always it's all caught up to him. Now, here is the principle I want you to remember because someday you will face exactly the same thing: when a believer goes NTD he ends up with hardness of the heart and backslide. At this time two things can happen:

- 1) He can stay in a backslidden state till he dies the sin unto death or
- 2) He can recover (as David did)

After he has recovered often what he has done in his backslidden state will bounce up to haunt him. And sometimes a person can recover from backsliding be in maturity and have something that happened while he was backsliding come back and put him in a jam. Even if he has recovered it may come back to haunt him. However, here is the blessing of recovery... God will provide and deliver him from the jam. But if he does not receive and remains a backslider the consequences of his backsliding is Gal 6:7b. For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

This is when disaster, heartache, divine discipline, and personal suffering come into the picture. And so a backslider reaps what he sows whereas a mature believer reaps what God sows. This should be taken very seriously as far as you are concerned since this is a solemn warning. And the next time you find yourself getting indifferent toward the word of God you remember this principle because you have a choice of going one of two ways: (1) you can reap what you sow, or (2) you can reap what God sows.

And it's very possible that there are people in this congregation tonight who are going to die the sin unto death because they didn't pay any attention to

this principle. You can not afford to neglect the word of God even for a moment And so I want you to notice in vs two that David is in a jam, David is a very noble person but he finds himself doing something contrary to his own conscience, the conscience being the norms and standards of the soul. He finds himself deceiving a man, when David doesn't even like deceit! David is a very wonderful person, he is a very honorable person, and noble person but backsliding always changes the very character and honesty of an individual. that is also what happened to Saul.

Saul was a very honest and noble man when he started his reign but backsliding turned him into a monster. Jealousy drove Saul crazy. And some of you remember our study on Nebuchadnezzar and the disease he received from jealousy, lycanthrope disease, acting as a wolf). And so David finds himself lying and deceiving a wonderful King like Achish who as a good friend to David. Achish always treated David honorably. But David was not honorable and noble in his treatment of Achish. And it's interesting to note that Achish the unbeliever is honorable while David the believer is dishonorable. Now let's look at verse 2.

1Sa 28:2 and David said to Achish, surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do.

This is David not committing himself to anything and using words as a smoke screen. Be careful of the con-artist, he comes in all shapes and sizes, colors and ages. And he either uses words as a smoke screen or silence. You are going to find that this is true in life, including the Christian life. Many of you of course are very naive and this is something that you usually learn the hard way. And you usually learn this from other people's own or your own. The principle is a very simple one, that in life, people are going to tell you one thing and mean something entirely different. And in life,

you are going to find a certain number of people who are pathological liars. Who always use words as a smoke screen. Men seem to be better at being cons than the ladies are and the ladies seem to be better victims for it.

Cons love to work on the emotions of the female they will tell you just what you want to hear! Or, they will guilt you to death. All of us in our life time have been taken in. Somebody, somewhere has strapped in on us. People are deceitful and I've been taken in by pathological liars as well. People play a little game sometimes called who's not there. If you are not the person present you are ripped to pieces. And you are going to find that you have been a victim. A victim of someone who appears to have character on the outside and may even use a doctrinal vocabulary but beware, their words are used many times to deceive you. And whether it's Sir Wolf or Lady Luck, it's easier to deceive you by words than any other way. When people start using words for a disguise you are really in trouble. That is exactly what David is about to do here.

1Sa 28:2

David doesn't know what to do! He doesn't know whether to say yes or no. So he uses words to say absolutely nothing. Words were designed to communicate truth not to impress people. A pastor-teacher is someone who brings truth down to a level understandable to the multitude. I've seen Christians impressed by human vocabulary rather than spiritual content. And the strap on is so successful that notice what Achish says in verse 2.

1Sa 28:2 And Achish said to David, therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head forever for life).

I will appoint you my personal body guard for life. David is being

promoted by King Achish but there is the principle now and don't forget it. The promotions of the world are often designed to take the believer away from the plan of God. God has a plan for each one of us and beware of promotion and prosperity that tries to take you away from doctrine. Being the body guard of the King is a very important and rewarding job but that is not the real issue. The real issue is, is this God's plan? And David honestly must say that it is not.

It is not God's plan for David to fight against his own people. God had a greater plan, rather than the body guard of the King, David would be the King!

Heb 11:25

So the promotions of the world are often designed to take the believer out of the plan of God. This does not mean that if you get a promotion in a business or a professional deal that it always means a trap from Satan. If you are a mature believer/adult believer, it is a part of the word of God and the plan of God to promote you. Some of you will be promoted in the business world and that is part of God's plan.

Now this brings us to the real problem in the land of Israel. Why is Achish getting ready for war. Why is Saul going to the witch of Endor?

1Sa 28:3 Samuel was dead

He had died. Samuel, while alive, had been a leader of Israel all his life. He had been the communicator of B.D. The priests would communicate the written word and Samuel and the prophets would communicate the spoken word through revelation. Samuel was a prophet and a priest. Samuel was

the last of the judges who Saul replaced. Remember Saul was the people's choice for King. God's choice was Samuel and David. Therefore the death of Samuel and the absence of David leaves the people without true leadership. The Jews lacked in true leadership and doctrinal teaching at this point.

Samuel actually has been dead for 13 years.

Samuel wrote 1Sa and 2Sa after his death the prophets Nathan and Gad finished out the parts of Samuel that Samuel did not finish, 1Ch 29:29 tells us that.

Death meant to Samuel that his work was finished, he was a prophet and a priest. Death meant that he had succeeded and fulfilled his responsibilities that were unto the Lord. Death meant for him rest and relaxation.

Being a priest, a prophet and a judge made Samuel a very busy man And so death was actually a wonderful thing longed for by Samuel. Now this man was so great and appreciated in Israel, notice the response in Israel and all Israel had lamented him

Everyone had appreciated Samuel. Some because of his priestly function, some because of his prophetic function, and some for his rulership.

lamented saphad = to weep and to wail, it means breast beating

Samuel was actually the first great Bible teacher after Moses. And it's nice to leave this world and know that you are missed. God never designed dying to be horrible or frightening for the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. His plan calls for each member of the royal family to have a wonderful death. Something to be anticipated as the final crown of life. Death is

designed to be the sweetest and tastiest part of living. Little did Solomon realize the depth of his statement in Ecc 7:1

What is physical death? Physical death is the separation of the human soul, the real you from the body the earthly tent, 2Co 5:1-4 tells us that.

When the believer dies his human spirit and his soul goes to heaven and he is said to be 2Co 5:8. Death is really a manifestation of the grace and love of God and the victory of the cross. God in His grace did not give fallen man eternal life since that would mean living forever in a state of spiritual death. And so God allows a certain number of days to both the believer and unbeliever to make positive decisions.

Heb 9:27

And so actually on one hand we begin life with death, i.e., in spiritual death, and we depart from life with death, physical death, to start eternal life. It is God and His sovereignty who decides the time and manner of one's death. Psa 68:20

We have no right to question the death of anyone since it is based on a decision from God's perfect character. God is absolute righteousness and he therefore cannot possibly make a wrong decision. His justice is always fair in the death of any person and his omniscience will reward any unfairness. And with the exception of suicide, death is strictly God's opinion. God has assigned a death to everyone. Some will fall asleep and never awaken. Others will die in war, or tragedy or some sickness. God knows the exact time of your death, none of us know that!

Therefore, life hangs by a slender thread that can be snapped at any moment. In fact, physical condition is not an issue. God can take us in good

health just as easily as He can in poor health. And, tho it is a true principle that God delivers the mature believer from dangerous situations, sooner or later death must come. Psa 31:15

Whether to glorify Himself in a special way or to fulfill some other purpose, God often takes the mature believer at the peak of his spiritual life. Your time to die, therefore, should never be a source of worry. Your only concern should be to prepare for the inevitable, and the only preparation for death is the same as for life, doctrine!

Doctrine gives you a relaxed mental attitude toward all potential death situations. Death is strictly a matter of you applying God's attributes to a situation. In fact, the believer can check his spiritual progress by his attitude toward death. One of the keys to life is not being afraid of death. Fear of death causes instability. Shakespeare said, "Cowards die many times before their death: the valiant never tastes of death but once."

Why would a believer ever want to be spared from death when death has so many fantastic results?

- 1) For instance, and this is for the believer only, there is no appointment with judgment, Heb 9:27; Rom 8:1.
- 2) He is face to face with the Lord, 2Co 5:8.
- 3) There is no more sorrow, pain, tears, death, regrets or embarrassments, Rev 21:4.
- 4) He receives an eternal inheritance, 1Pe 1:4-5.
- 5) He receives a new home, Joh 14:1-6.

6) He receives a resurrected body, Phi 3:21; 1Co 15:51-57.

7) He has his old sin nature removed, Phi 3:20; 1Th 5:23.

All these belong to every believer regardless of their spiritual status.

For the mature believer he receives another benefit, dying grace. Dying grace is the mature believer's experience of physical death under the provision of grace and happiness and blessing. There is usually minimum or no pain and always maximum soul peace so that the person departs from his physical body in a state of supreme happiness. And because he is a doctrinal believer he has no regrets and great satisfaction as he looks back on his life. At the same time he can face eternity with confidence and anticipation of meeting the Lord of glory face to face.

Psa 33:18-19

Psa 116:15

Dying grace removes any fear of death that the believer has, Psa 23:4a

The mature believer knows that the sting of death has been removed, 1Co 15:55-57. You see, B.D. is God's provision. The more doctrine you know, the more confidence you will have in life and in death. Doctrine replaces all fear of death with appreciation for the Lord and trust in His decree. So for the mature believer he can anticipate certain benefits in dying including no fear of death. No regrets about life, and a future of blessings and rewards. The final stage of glory for the believer in time therefore is dying grace. And since it is God's last opportunity to bless the believer on earth he is going to make this blessing superior to anything in life. This means that your death will be better and more pleasant than all the prosperity,

promotion, wealth and success that you enjoyed during life.

This is why Paul said in Phi 1:21.

Death is often connected with weakness but under dying grace you die in strength. With doctrine not only are you unafraid of death but you anticipate it as a great time to look forward to. Amos 5:8

This confidence is what causes those in later years to bring forth fruit. Psa 92:14

Understanding this is what caused the apostle to say in rom 14:8

It was Samuel who led so many to the Lord and to SM. It was Samuel who properly administered the political rulership in Israel and therefore he would be missed in Israel. In fact, there were two high priests to take his place, plus two prophets and two political rulers to replace him, Saul and David. So you can see, the great responsibility this man had.

Samuel's ministry can be evaluated by the fact that apostasy and backsliding during the reign of Saul did not destroy Israel. Even David was one of Samuel's sheep. And so it says and they buried him in Ramah.

they buried him means a funeral

A funeral is really just an occasion to recognize the importance of B.D.

A funeral is a time when loved ones gather to remember the one departed.

Ramah was a place where Samuel would go on a Bible teaching seminar every year. He was buried in the very center of the place i.e., his doctrinal head-quarters. Samuel was dead but his doctrinal teachings were not. In

fact, Ramah was known as a doctrinal center and it was a place Saul passed by many times. And that's a perfect commentary on Saul, he was always by passing doctrine.

1Sa 28:3

On that's also true of the failures in your life, by passing B.D.
So they buried him in Ramah even or ie his own city.

familiar spirits haoboth

it comes from the noun obh = the word for ventriloquist demon

those that had (ventriloquist demons) were simply mediums if females they were known as witches.

and the wizards

wizards judone (yid/o/ne') = a man indwelt by a demon

usually they imparted information to tell about the future

So Saul in vs 3 had removed the witches and the wizards out of the land

So at the time of Samuel's death in vs 3 Saul was not interested in witches, wizards or seances

1) Contact with Necromancers and mediums was specifically forbidden by the word of God, Lev 19:31.

We are not to consult fortune tellers, astrologers, nor attend seances..

2) Contact with necromancers and mediums. A necromancer by the way is

someone who tries to tell the future by faking communication with the dead. But contact with necromancers and wizards was a sign of backsliding and brought divine discipline, Lev 20:6

3) Necromancers and mediums were to be apprehended and put to death through capital punishment, Lev 20:27

God never wants any of us to have any contact or any relationship with demon possessed people. Demon possessed people destroy the society in which they are located and the nation in which they operate.

Demon possession means that India has millions and millions of beef cattle millions and millions of starving people. Everyone of those sad-eyed, swollen bellied children that you see on TV should be eating steaks! People suffer because of demonism. Demons are starving millions of people in India and God is being blamed. An idol is nothing, every idol represents an X number of demons.

4) Saul died the sin unto death for seeking counsel from a demon possessed woman, 1Ch 10:13.

5) The worst king the Jews ever had was King Manasseh. He was one of the most evil of all Jewish kings.

He had relationship with demons. He had many seances. he even went in for child sacrifices including sacrificing his own

2Ki 21:6 He made his son pass through the fire, and observed times (horoscopes) and used enchantments (to put a spell upon people). Enchantments also man to charm completely with delight. pleasing

personalities put spells on people, especially Christians, 2Ch 33:6

1Sa 28:4

1Sa 28:4

Now these two armies are actually four miles apart and they can see each other. But the Philistines have definitely outsmarted the Jews. And the reason is usual poor leadership. The strategy of the Philistines is to get the Jews to fight on unfamiliar ground. And guess what village is behind the Philistines, the village of Endor. And that is quite important in our study. Saul has actually put himself in a trap. As all backsliders do. The Philistines are camped in Shunem, i.e., a much more strategic location than Gilboa. And about 10 miles from Gilboa is Endor and to go to Endor you must go through Shunem.

And that means it's a very dangerous trip for Saul. In fact, Saul is afraid in this chapter and he is a coward yet as a coward he will be a brave man.

This shows you the inconsistency of backsliding. He is afraid of the Philistines but brave enough to go through their lines. And with a two man patrol he actually penetrates the lines of the Philistines so he can go see the witch of Endor.

Now, there's a principal involved here, just because you're a believer or on a believer's side that doesn't mean victory, If you are a believer, it doesn't mean that you must go in business with another bel

you might be taking sides with a king Saul when you could have joined a king Achish

Salvation plus doctrine should make us smart, it should make us successful in life. What makes you stupid as a bel is NVTB

And a general who has NVTB is about to get his entire army wiped out. A lot of people would say I'd like to be a general in so and so's army cuz he's a Christian. Well, if he's a backslider, I'd rather be in an unbeliever's batallion who has brains rather than a believer who has NVTB. You say well, I'm going into business with brother so and so, he's a Christian. If I'm going into business I'm going in with some hard nose, smart agresive operator! Saul is a typical emotional backslider who has made neg decisions that hurt others

A backslider is not only in trouble in spiritual matters but in anything he does in life. Backsliding destroys the frame of reference, the professional ability, as well as the spiritual life. Backsliding destroys business ability. Some of you men, you go NTD and your business judgment will suffer.

1Sa 28:5

Saul observed the army of the Philistines and everything that he saw disturbed him. Now, according to 1Sa 29:1 and Jdg 6:33, Saul is at the same place that 22,000 of Gideons men were filled with fear. They call this the well of Jezreel there was plenty of water enough for Saul's entire army

it should also be known as the fountain of cowards.. It was here in the great story of Gideon in Jdg 7 that 22,000 men dropped out

They failed to pass the test that the Lord had given ie kneeling down and lapping the water and keeping on the alert. Instead they indulge din the water and lived in fear and the result - Gideons army was cut from 32,000

to 300. And as you know, Gideon defeated the Midianites though they outnumbered him by the thousands. Now if Saul and remembered the history of the book of Judges and what happened to Gideon he probably would not have feared. Samuel wrote the book of Judges and actually preached on Gideon and Judges ch 7

A liar is not only an enemy to those in his area but a liar is an enemy to himself. One of the signs of mental illness in life and instability is lying. A liar can use phrases of love and kindness and compassion and thoughtfulness but his words do not mean a thing. the only solution for the liar is to change his thoughts i.e., transfer doctrine into his soul.

What is a liar?

A liar is simply one under the influence of Satan. the Lord tells us in Joh 8:44 that Satan is a liar, and the father of lies.

pro 6:16-19

Let's go to the Psalmist to get some divine instruction:

- 1) Lying tongues or liars are used to discredit and judge the righteous, Psa 31:18.
- 2) Liars many times are those who flatter you, Psa 62:3-4.
- 3) The mouth of the liar shall be stopped, Psa 63:11.
- 4) B.D. is the only way to remove an individual from lying, Psa 119:29.
- 5) B.D. is the only refuge for those under the accusations of lies, Psa 119:69, 163.
- 6) Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, Pro 12:17-22.
- 7) Lying is a part of deceiving and destroying lives, Pro 14:25.
- 8) Those who listen to lies and consent are classified as wicked, Pro 17:4.
- 9) The liar shall not go unpunished or disciplined, Pro 19:5; Pro 19:9.
- 10) Liars are used by Satan to inflict others, Pro 26:28. And to cause doubt

in relationships, Pro 29:12.

11) A liar is classified as one who adds unto the word of God, Pro 30:5-6.

12) Self examination and lying is also vital. The Biblical guidelines for lying are given in 1Jo 2:4; 4:20.

You can lie sometimes by not speaking or by allowing something to be said which you know is wrong, and ignoring it. You can even lie with a look. Lying is the opposite of the Christian life, the most essential characteristic of the Christian life is truth. Truth within produces virtue. Take the terrible act of Ananias and Sapphira as an illustration. The early Christians had agreed that they should sell their goods and their possessions to support each other. There was no pressure, no compulsions. however we are told in Act 5:3 that Peter said Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit? Satan had filled their hearts with what? With lies! To lie and live in lies simply reveals that the person is still in the grip of the devil, 1Jo 5:19. The very first sin of man was the result of a lie.

2Sa 1

David is relaxing for two days in Ziklag. And a liar has now intruded upon that rest. The liar has accused the army of Israel of running and fleeing from the battle while he was a so called Hero.

2Sa 1:5 And David said unto the young man

the words young man ha naar = the private or the new enlisted man in the army. It's used in 1Ki 20:15 and 20:17 for soldiers in the army.

It refers to a man who has not advanced or is not promoted

2Sa 1:5

David continues the interrogation. David is beginning to suspect that the

private is manufacturing a report for his own advantage. Why is he flattering me? Why is he reporting to another officer of a different army. If you have doctrine you can always smell when people want something badly and are willing to use you And if you continue to interrogate a liar sooner or later something will trip up the liar.

So David says how knowest thou the kal perfect of yada = how do you know

how do you know that Saul, and Jonathan his son have died?

That's the question. Now the Amalekite does not choose to get on the subject of Jonathan. He saw Saul die, but not Jonathan. He is reporting Jonathan's death as a fact, but he doesn't know. And like all liars he assumes things to be true, usually things that contribute to self-promotion. Once you find out that people are assuming, you will begin to discover distortions in their assumptions. There are always those who think that they are very smart and very brilliant and can hide such things but, anyone with doctrine and discernment can see through the facade. this Amalekite private is doing what David has refused to do. Seeking to advance himself on the basis of someone else's failure. Seeking to build his happiness on someone else's misery. You may get the promotion but the set back in your character destroys your capacity for life. How much lower can you go than to use a dead person to promote yourself.

However, seeing the evil of this opportunist will strengthen David's ability to wait on the Lord even tho he has been promised the rulership of Israel. David will not walk in and take over, the promise must be fulfilled God's way and only God's way, the grace way.

2Sa 1:6

that told him is the hiphil participle of ie., he gave a rather lengthy report.

(you had a blank there)

A lot was said that God the H.S. omitted. Now here comes the truth mixed with some lies.

As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa

Now that is true, he was upon Mt. Gilboa and it was by chance that he was still there. He found some rocks by which to hide. Remember, under fire he deserted and crawled into some rocks and hid from the Philistines. So when he says, by chance I happened to be on Mt. Gilboa, that is truth. Now from his hiding place he observed something that the thought he could use to promote himself. So three things are important to note:

- 1) He deserted under fire
- 2) He hid behind the rocks
- 3) And he observed King Saul's death

This first statement then is correct, he was by chance on Mt Gilboa.

Next, comes the word behold which brings in the lies and fabrication.

Behold, Saul leaned upon his spear

now this is a lie

We have already studied in 1Sa 31 that Saul didn't have a spear he only had a sword. And remember he had a very difficult time getting it out. So this was a lie. He wasn't leaning upon his spear, he didn't have a spear.

So he says, Saul leaned or was resting upon his spear. Now David knows

there is a problem here. The soldiers carried spears to fight but Saul was a general and not a private. you see, this Amalekite had a spear and we know what he did with his spear. He dropped it and ran. All Saul had was a sword not a spear, 1Sa 31:2-6. He was suppose to be thinking not using a weapon. You see that is what officers are for they are to think in battle not fight, but direct and command. Now God the HS. has already recorded for us the true account so we are not left in the dark.

Next he says and lo the chariots and horsemen [Calvary] followed hard after him.

he says that Saul was being pursued by chariots and Calvary, he is really laying it on thick now.

the more liars talk the worst off they are.

Job 13:5

Pro 17:28

Now this man is lying!

Saul was not leaning on a spear nor was he pursued by chariots and the Calvary.

2Sa 1:7 And when he looked behind him (when he turned around) he saw me

Isn't that something, you know liars always take great credit for themselves. This man says he saw me and called unto me! Everything with liars is centered around me, me, me.

And I answered , here am I

but the Hebrew is even worst, he said hineni, behold me.

He is saying behold me, behold me. He didn't say yes sire, he said behold me. Liars are always subjective.

2Sa 1:8 And he said to me who art though?

Saul wouldn't say that, he would know who the Amalekite was, he's a private

King Saul would never turn around and say to a private who are you.

2Sa 1:8 and I answered him, I am an Amalekite

This has nothing to do with anything.

2Sa 1:9 He said to me again, stand I pray thee, upon me, and slay me.

stand kal imperative - followed by I pray the. This is like giving an order then saying if you please. I pray thee is a polite entreaty.

slay me muth i.e., an intensive stem.

The Amalekite is making all these thing up he is assigning unto Saul politeness and good manners and that is the last thing he had. Saul wouldn't even say please in the palace much less the battlefield. And so he took Saul out of character and that was a mistake because you see David knows Saul!

for anguish is come upon me

anguish shabatx = I have the cramps or nausea

because my life is yet whole in me

2Sa 1:10 So I stood upon him and slew him

slew muth - piel imperf = he did a thorough job.

because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen.

The Amalekite is continuing with his lies

and I took

took kal imper of laqach = to snatch or to hastily seize.

When he ran out of his hiding place he was so frightened that the Philistines would come back that he snatched two things, the crown and the bracelet that was on Saul's arm.

and I took the crown that was upon his head and the bracelet

The bracelet refers to a royal arm band.

and have brought them

have brought hiphil imperf of BO - I was motivated to bring them.

he is making it sound like he did David a big favor.

and have brought them, here unto my Lord

Now, in the original Hebrew the word translated hither actually comes at the end of the sentence. The sentence should read, I have brought them unto my Lord, and then hither or here.

Hither (here) is an adverb henah = here they are.

He actually displayed them and took them out to show David. David was familiar with them and he recognized them immediately which explains his response in verse 11.

David knew when he saw the crown and the armband that Saul was dead. And actually the Amalekite private without realizing it has already said enough to destroy himself.

He thought he was weaving a web of self-promotion but instead it's all backfiring. He is weaving a web of self-destruction. However, a point of doctrine: Self promotion = self destruction. No one ever promotes himself without destroying himself. The very system of deceit by which you promote yourself is the very system of deceit which will destroy you.

No one who is self promoted ever succeeds under pressure. Pressure brings out the fact that self promotion will not cut it. Now, while the Amalekite messenger did not actually kill Saul he is going to be executed for killing Saul. He is going to be held accountable for his own words. Therefore when he lies and says I have killed Saul, he is going to be held accountable for that.

here is another principle brought out in this passage:

You are responsible for what you says.

You are held just as responsible for the lies that you utter as the truth that you utter. And this man is going to be responsible for the lie that he uttered when he said that he killed Saul. David will not permit this to pass because Saul is the Lord's anointed. The very thing by which this man sought promotion is the very thing that is going to destroy him. And what a principle that is. You can count on this, if you are a believer in the LJC and you are guilty of flattery and self-ambition, the same flattery and self-promotion which seems to be working for you today will destroy you

tomorrow. Use people and you will end up being used.

The Amalekite thought David was like him. He thought that David would promote him immediately when he found out the Amalekite killed Saul. That's what the Amalekite would have done. The Amalekite has no character and no ability He figured everyone was like himself. he has no strength of soul, no doctrine in the soul, and is a liar and a deceiver. however, remember that the flatterer is also subject to flattery.

2Sa 1:11 Then David took hold on his clothes and ripped them, and likewise all the men that were with him.

now David has just heard about the death of someone who in reality was an enemy but David does not rejoice, in fact he mourns. David is well known and the death of Saul actually contributed to David's success. Now, let's stop for a moment and note the problems of being a success. The reason why this is important is because some of you are going to stay with doctrine long enough to be a success. Some of you are going to be successful in life and prosper. Now David is a success and he is a celebrity, humanly speaking. The very fact that the Amalekite came to David indicates how he has advanced in the eyes of the nation. Now, once a person becomes a great celebrity or a success in any way, he immediately has problems. Whenever you have a measure of success in any areas, business, social life, etc. you will face certain problems. And I have observed as some of you have gone forward to becoming a success. But with success comes problems.

The problems with success are as follows:

- 1) Once a person becomes successful he becomes vulnerable to being used by others.

The tragic thing about being successful is that you might be used by others. People who are deceitful seem to promote self and selfish ambitions. People who suffer from power lust and approbation lust will use you to climb their ambitious ladder. And the problem of success is becoming vulnerable to phony people. Success has its problems just as adversity has its problems. To be surrounded by phony people is a great tragedy in your life. However that is exactly what will come your way with success.

2) One of the other problems of success and prosperity is to be surrounded by people who seek to use your authority.

they seek to use your status to stimulate their desire for popularity.

3) The successful person often has difficulty in distinguishing between who really loves him and who is really using him.

4) Successful people need to stay away from arrogance or else they will be surrounded by parasites and flattered.

A parasite can be identified as a bloodsucker, leech, sponge, mooch, free-loader, yes man, brown nosers, backslapper.

5) However, B.D. in the soul can protect you from this trap. Doctrine in the soul is designed to make you people smart and give you discernment.

You will have the ability to spot a phony.

6) For the mature believer, success and prosperity demand that he is surrounded by those who respect and love him as a person - and that is not

success.

2Sa 1:11 Then David took hold on his clothes

This is a response that reveals the nobility of his character. He is overtaken by grief. One of the closest and most genuine friends that he has had is now dead and a beautiful dream has gone with him. For it was David's purpose to make Jonathan the prime minister of the nation, that is, the number 2 man. And all of David's life as a ruler, 7 1/2 years as the king of Judah and 40 years as the ruler of Israel and he will always lack someone for that slot. It was only Jonathan that he could really trust for that position.

and rent them

rent to tear or to rip

and likewise all the men that were with him.

The tearing of the clothes was a sign of all the grief and lamentation that David went through. Now why did David enter into this intense lamentation and grief? Why? Well, put it down, you may not believe it now because everyone is so nice to you, but a true friend is one of the most rarest things in life to find and you will have very few of them. And when you lose them you will be overcome with a type of grief that will never be forgotten.

Pro 17:17

One anonymous saying about friendship is... inasmuch as anyone pushes you nearer to God, he or she is your friend. One verse in the Apocrypha - though not inspired by the HS. but still a true principle is Ecclesiasticus 6:14, a faithful friend is a strong defense and he that has found such a one has found a treasure. An English publication offered a prize of the best

definition of a friend. Thousands of answers were received and the one that was given first prize was this, "A friend is the one who comes in when the whole world has gone out."

Now Jonathan was David's friend he was irreplaceable. Not only was he a close friend but he was totally loyal. Not once did Jonathan ever malign David, he never went behind his back. He never had fits of jealousy or pride. Jonathan represents the purest type of nobility of the soul. It is being noble in the soul which will give you a true and honorable friendship at same point in your life. Friendship is one of the most important things you will ever possess. In fact, David and Jonathan's friendship is described in 1Sa as friendship which passes the love of a woman. it's a tragedy that, for some, all of their life they will never know such a friendship They do not have the nobility of soul that it takes to be a friend nor to recognize a true one. What doe the bible have to say about friendship?

1) A friend is someone who has warm regard and affection toward another.
Pro 17:17

"love" as noted in this verse is one who makes love manifested. In times of trouble friends show themselves friends.

2) A friend is someone who levels with you and is honest, Pro 27:6.

3) True friendship is revealed by godly counsel, Pro 27:9

4) Friends help sharpen each other's character and nature, Pro 27:17. Many times with constructive criticism.

5) Lack of character in friendship has terrible effects such as in Job 17:5. he who speaks flattery to his friends even the eyes of his children shall fail.

Even children must be taught the value of friendship.

6) God uses friendship as a form of self-discipline, Psa 38:11 or as a part of undeserved suffering, Job 19:14.

7) Divine friendship is the result of the faith-rest life.

Faith rest it pleases God and reveals our trust in His integrity and character, Jam 2:23. Abraham believed God and it was imputed to him for +R and he was called a friend of God.

8) the greatest manifestation of friendship is revealed by self sacrifice, Joh 15:13-15.

9) Friendship is revealed by ministering and giving financially to ones in need, Phi 2:25.

Ephaphroditus proved his friendship to Paul by supplying him with a large financial need

10) True friendship is profitable for both sides says Ecc 4:9-12. And God rewards true friendship with His grace, 2Ti 1:16.

11) However, one's desire for friendship should not cause compromise. There is a verse that is frequently mis-quoted from the KJ bible, the reason why is because it is mis-translated. pro 18:24 should read he that makes many does it to his won destruction but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother

The desire for many friends is very dangerous because it can lead to compromise.

12) Old friends are to be cherished and remembered, 1Sa 30:26; Pro 27:10.

13) Believers should develop friendships with those who are positive toward doctrine, 2Co 6:14 cf Psa 119:63.

Your friends reveal your character

Jam 4:4

14) As with all doctrines, there must be an alert or a negative side. Be careful of the familiar friend in whom you trust who will betray you as in Psa 41:9. the one who will not have compassion in time of disaster, Job 6:14. the one who will deceive you for personal gain as in 2Sa 13:13. Be careful for those so called friends who contribute to causing you to fall, 2Sa 13.

Be careful for those who become your friend because of what they can get from you.

Pro 19:6

Be careful for those so called friends who flatter you with their speech as the friend in Pro 27:14. The ones who are friendly with you for your wealth as in Pro 19:4. The ones who forsake you and flee when you need them the most as in mar 14:50. the ones who use you and never return the kindness that you show them, Luk 15:16. The ones who you love and who turn against you as in Job 19:19. So the conclusion is... the best and safest way is to operate in Micah 7:5, trust not in a friend but trust in the Lord.

2Sa 1:12 and they mourned and wept and fasted until evening

these are strong powerful men weeping, there is nothing un-manly about it.

They are not cowards, they are men's men, and tough. Just as they are tough about their emotions toward Saul and Jonathan. their nobility of soul is proven by their love for Saul

and for the people of the Lord (= the army) because they were fallen by the sword this means military defeat and military disaster.

no one escapes when the military of a nation is defeated. Freedom is very vital for any nation. the defeat at Mt. Gilboa meant loss of government and administration in Israel.

This is why Saul's defeat affected the entire nation. Freedom is very vital in the natural as well as the spiritual realm.

DOCTRINE OF HUMAN FREEDOM

Point 1) Human freedom is the heritage of human birth. Human freedom is an extension of the very functions of the soul.

2) There are two basic areas of human freedom which exists in the human race. Freedom as a heritage of physical birth, and spiritual birth. As believers in TLJC we have certain freedoms. We are free to live our lives as unto the Lord.

3) the necessity of human freedom. Free will in man is one of the very few things that he has in common with the angelic creation. And this is no

coincidence. Human freedom is an important factor in the A.C.

4) The protection of human freedom. Since it is necessary for human freedom to exist God has provided laws to protect it. The laws of establishment are designed to protect human freedom. In this way, evangelization can occur in every generation. the laws of divine establishment protect the volition, the rights, the privacy, the property of individuals. It guarantees freedom of speech and the ability for one to express his viewpoint.

5) The spiritual function of freedom. Human volition is allowed to function in non-meritorious ways toward God. There are two basic areas in which human volition function in a non-meritorious way...(1) salvation, Act 16:31 Believing is non-meritorious Christ did all the work, we believe in Him and so we possess immediately eternal life.

(2) PVTD is also non-meritorious system for the perception of divine viewpoint.

6) Freedom is also related to authority and discipline.

Jesus Christ illustrated this perfectly at the cross according to Heb 5:8
Phi 2:8

His volition said in Mat 26:39...

J.C. lost His freedom and became totally obedient to the Father's authority so that you and I as believer might have freedom, Gal 5:1.

Stand fast in the freedom where with Christ has freed us. The military is an illustration of this principle. The military preserves freedom of a nation but the free man that joins the military should be under the strictest discipline

that can exist. And so he gives up his freedom so that he can effectively fight for his nation's freedom.

7) Freedom also is related to good manners and morality. Freedom demands responsibility. You are responsible for your volition, i.e., the law of volitional responsibility. Believers and unbelievers alike are responsible for the laws of establishment. Morality is not spirituality but it is a safeguard for freedom. We are to render unto Caesars what is Caesars. Morality produces patriotism, strength in the home, etc. Morality produces good manners and respect for authority. Good manners allow freedom to exist, bad manners means to be nosey and intrude upon the privacy of someone else.

8) Human freedom is also related to maturity. The individual as an adult must be free to make his own mistakes or his own successes and he must take responsibility for his own decisions. Human maturity is defined as the ability of the individual to take responsibility for his own decisions in life.

9) Human freedom is also related to sin. All sin, known or unknown, involves the action of human volition. You sin because you choose to sin not because you have to sin. The original sin of man and woman was negative volition in the soul. Neither possessed an OSN until after the sin was committed. This means the sin that you are condemned for Adam's original sin was a sin that was committed in perfect environment minus an OSN. Every sin you commit is a sin in which volition is involved. Many times you commit a sin but remember ignorance of the fact of sin does not change the principle that a man commits a sin of ignorance because he wants to do it. Therefore volition is always involved and ignorance is no excuse. You wanted to do it and you did it.

10) The relationship of freedom to Christianity. There are at least six areas in which the two are related...

a) Doctrine is related to freedom, Joh 8:32.

b) TLJC provided freedom to serve God and to advance t maturity, gal 5:1, Gal 3:13.

c) Believers have a glorious freedom, rom 8:21. The glorious liberty of the children of God. The royal family's freedom is said to be glorious freedom. We are born and live in a free nation and secondly we are born again and live as royalty on this earth in the freedom secured by J.C. on the cross.

d) This freedom is related to the ministry of God the H.S., 2Co 3:17. And where the Spirit of the Lord is their is liberty. God the H.S makes His residence in our bodies and when He controls us he controls our souls and gives us liberty and freedom.

e) The word of God is defined as the perfect law of liberty or freedom, Jam 1:25; 2:12. Through B.D. in the soul, the bel is free to glorify God.

f) Positive volition toward doctrine is the basis for freedom says Psa 119:145.

2 Samuel 1:13

Again, why do we have this recorded in the Bible? What is the purpose for it? What is the spiritual value of recording this incident?

Now, David is questioning the Amalekite private. And we must remember that David just fought against the Amalekites and this man just identified himself as one. This is a small test, David already passed the big test. When God promotes he must test the one whom He promotes. Once you receive promotion in any area, you must be aware of this type of testing... the little-area test. And remember, those little petty areas f test in your life could be divine testings related to promotion.

Now, this Amalekite is dishonest. By asking him when art though David was giving him another chance to be honest, but he was dishonest and dishonest people have no place in an organization that is going up. Remember that principle. There is no place for deceitful, dishonest people in an organization that is going up. A prosperous organization must be kept free from deceitful, dishonest people.

2Sa 1:14 And David said to him, how was thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the Lord's anointed?

The Lord's anointed is really the Lord's appointed one.

2Sa 1:15 And David called one of the young men (privates) and said, go near, and fall upon him

fall kal imper of paga = to attack

and he smote (hiphil imperf) of nakah - in the hiphil stem he was motivated to kill him.

Apparently this opportunist was not very well liked

and he smote him that he died

Now why did David order his execution?

It would have destroyed all authority and discipline to allow this man to live.

2Sa 1:16

said kal imepf amar - he had already said

vs 16 actually occurs before the action of vs 15

2Sa 1:16 And David had said to him (the Amalekite) thy blood be upon thy head

this is a Hebrew idiom for taking responsibility for your own decisions and your own actions. This has always been a part of Jewish law, Lev 20:9; Josh 2:19. this idiom means to take responsibility for your own guilt and your own crimes.

For thy mouth has testified against thee, saying, I have slain the Lord's anointed

In other words, your confession has backfired. Now, the principle under Jewish law is this, no one who confessed to murder could be allowed to live. To the extent that a nation permits those who are guilty of murder to live in jails, to that extent the nation becomes corrupt and weak and this is the reason for rise in crime. For 40 years David will be king and crime will be at an all time low.

2Sa 1:17

lamented qun = in the intensive stem means to chant or to compose a poem or a song

with this lamentation qinah = a psalm or a poem of mourning

The content of this song is given in verses 19 - 27. It's a Psalm or a poem of mourning. So verse 17 is saying that David composed this song about Jonathan and Saul

1) This song demonstrates that David truly was Saul's friend and never changed his attitude toward Saul. Saul changed his attitude toward David but David never changed his attitude toward Saul. Saul became jealous, vindictive, bitter, and sought to kill David. He persecuted David and made his life miserable yet David never changed. Do you have any friends like that? And when he writes this song, and mourns over Saul it is genuine. David truly misses Saul and this is not hypocrisy, Rom 12:9.

2) B.D. gave David capacity to be a true friend. Doctrine gives capacity for all areas of love. David's character and integrity was so strong that he never stopped appreciating Saul and Jonathan. David didn't have any bitterness in his soul toward Jonathan's decision.

3) The fact that David was Saul's friend was also told to Saul at the seance at the house of the witch of Endor.

In 1Sa 28:17, Samuel said about the kingdom that the Lord has given it to your friend David

Samuel called David Saul's friend the last night Saul was alive. What a shock to Saul to find out that David was still his friend. David is truly a friend and is the author of Pro 17:17

2Sa 1:18 also he bade kal imperf of amar = to say; speak; summon; here it means to order

Also he ordered them to teach the children of Judah

you know how certain songs were taught in school, star spangled banner, etc. well David wanted to make sure that the battle of Mt Gilboa and Saul and Jonathan would never be forgotten. Now notice the next three words..

the use of are in italics which means it is not found in the original manuscripts. So David ordered them to teach the children of Judah the bow the name of the song is the bow

bow qeseth = a bow, or the signification of strength. The title is actually derived from vs 22. The title is taken from the phrase in vs 22. The bow of Jonathan did not turn back. Jonathan never turned his back to the enemy. So the children of Judah are not being taught how to sue a bow, they are being taught a song A song which promotes patriotism.

Behold (it is) written in the book of Jasher

Book of Jasher was the book of the righteous or the great ones. Now we only have three stanzas of it God the H.S did not see it necessary to put the whole song in the Bible.

Gesinius "Book of Jasher" was a collection of ancient poems and military heros. David is actually making heros out of Saul and Jonathan.

Here is a gracious man preserving and not forgetting the great things that others did in the power of the Spirit.

(Saul was a reversionist, and not filled with the Spirit)

This also reveals another Biblical principle which is, if you die in a backslidden state you do not lose the rewards you received during your life time of pos vol. Saul was blessed according to his position of authority. Backslidden experiences cannot cancel the rewards you have received from the power of the Spirit and in the application of doctrine. It is human legalism that forgets the great things when the bad things come along When you truly love another person when the bad times come your love for them doesn't change. David made sure that Saul entered the record books as a

hero. Saul and Jonathan were heroes at one time, David didn't forget that. The fact that Saul died as a backslider and Jonathan died because of association with a backslider doesn't change the facts. David is a mature believer and this is an act of graciousness and nobility of character.

David is not petty and he makes no attempt to block out Saul's name and memory.

2Sa 1:19 the phrase in vs 19 begins with ha tsebi jisrael (yis rael) = the glory of Israel

the glory of Israel refers here to Saul as the king of Israel and those who fought bravely at the battle of Mt Gilboa. However at this point I want you to notice, who is not mentioned at this point, Abner the son of Ner

He is mentioned later in 2Sa 2:12. He was one of the greatest soldiers of the day, and he is going to be responsible for a civil war coming up in Israel. He is going to try and put one of Saul's sons on the throne (Ishbosheth)

the glory of Israel is slain

slain chalal = to be wounded mortally

to be wounded and die

the glory of Israel has been mortally wounded

upon the high places ie., a reference to Mt Gilboa

David recognizes the mortal wounds of Saul but ignores completely the suicide of Saul. Saul's act of suicide is ignored by David. Do you know

why? Well, when only Saul and his armorbearer were left whatever Saul did became a private matter. It was no one else's business. Why doesn't David make an issue out of Saul's personal life and the mistakes he made or his skeletons in the closet? David recognizes a very vital issue. the personal life or the scandals of a man in high authority have no part in his ability to function as a leader.

You will notice in politics that they are always trying to burn someone by bringing up their past failures.

When the communists find a man who opposes them, they do their best to destroy his image to the public. Richard Nixon and Watergate is a perfect illustration of this. Many great leaders who have had great ability to lead have had to face idiotic accusations about their private life. the personal life of a great leader is never an issue. The issue is his ability to lead. Julius Caesar was a tremendous leader who changed the world through his decision making yet his personal life is quite shocking.

Every great leader in history had his own skeletons in the closet but that did not keep them from doing a fantastic job.

Just because a person is moral that doesn't qualify him to be a great leader.

1Ki 8:46

Psa 53:3

Psa 130:3

Ecc 7:20

One of the weakest things that has happened to our government is the basis of our voting.

We now vote for people on the basis of the one who has the least amount of dirt stuck upon him.

The communist worked over time trying to discredit Nixon publicly while on the other hand they gave credit to men like JFK. And all the nonsense about Watergate and Oliver North etc. and the big hype all proved one thing, how stupid Americans have become most Americans allow the television media to do their thinking All the communist do when a good leader is rising up is open his closet door. All people have skeletons in their closets. Now, I'm not saying to be a great leader you have to have skeletons in your closet. What I'm saying is that a man's private life and his ability to do a job are two different things. And that is what David is saying. There is not one line about suicide in the whole thing. Every great leader in history had his own skeletons in the closet and that did not keep them from doing a fantastic job. Just because a person is moral that doesn't qualify them to be a great leader.

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Why?

Because Saul's suicide has nothing to do with the greatness of the man in

the early part of his reign, before that great sin of jealousy. The problem many people have is that they judge people on the basis of whether they are good or not or sweet or not. And you can never be people smart under those conditions. A man's private life is his own business. Of course there are exceptions and extremes but there are extremes to everything

A good leader must be evaluated on his or her ability not their personal life. And please note in 2Sa 1 not one reference to suicide is made even though we know that he died that way.

Point, when you are dealing with heroes you are dealing with what the men thought in authority.

So again, the principle to David is that the highest political authority in the land had died on the battlefield, not via suicide.

And even though Saul has been disciplined under the sin unto death, grace keeps going. There is no evil report, no discrediting his character. And if someone has died the sin unto death you don't go around talking about it. That is not grace. Saul has received his discipline from God. And it is over and when the song is written about him, the song is going to talk about him as a hero. Why? The reason is because divine discipline is God's job and God's business, not man's.

Now when you stop to smirk or make snide remarks you have lost touch with grace and you are walking zombies. David moves on and doesn't say one unkind thing about Saul.

Whoever wrote the account of the battle had to give the true account under God the H.S. about it wasn't to judge or criticize. And since that part is over and his discipline is over and Saul is in the presence of the Lord, it is totally

unnecessary for any comments about his personal life.

Grace is the issue, the policy and the name of the plan. So this verse is saying

the glory of Israel has been wounded upon your mountains

the glory of Israel is a reference to King Saul and Jonathan.

How (eek) are the mighty fallen

eek is an exclamation of grace

mighty giborim = plural for valiant soldiers; brave.

how the brave soldiers have fallen

A lot of brave men died on Mnt. Gibloa under the terrible leadership of Saul. And when you read about the military battles in the word of God remember, 2Ti 3:16

And therefore military in the word of God is extremely important. It was poor leadership and poor tactics that lost the battle, this is also true in the spiritual life.

the loss on the battle field is a thermometer indicating a slow spiritual life in Israel. And the great victories during David's reign indicate the great spiritual life in Judah.

2Sa 1:20 Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised

triumph.

Now doesn't David know that it's already been published there ... yes, he doesn't. Well, what does this mean? This is dedicated to the news media. David is calling on the news media to exercise some restraint and to have some patriotism and to use wisdom in broadcasting this defeat. There have been many cases where the news media have given comfort to the enemy. And the news media have been proven the greatest traitors of all by the way that they report news.

2Sa 1:19 tell it not is the hiphil imperfect of nagad

Do not publish this information. Why? So the enemy will not exploit the unpreparedness of the rest of Israel. In other words, we are not to publish our defeats, militarily or spiritually. The enemy loves to gain information and exploit.

publish it not in Gath means do not let the world know the problems in the church.

Gath was the home town of Goliath. And Gath had lost its pride when Goliath was defeated but would love to rejoice over Israel's defeat.

publish it not in the streets of Askelon the news media must have both morality and patriotism in reporting. This means do not slant the facts. Do not spread the news in Askelon which is another Philistine city. Why? lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice samach = to celebrate.

Now David knows that this news has already spread, what he is trying to do is set up a policy. God the H.S. leads him to write this for a reason, do not report news which is of comfort to the enemy.

Uncircumcised is simply just a synonym for enemies.

2Sa 1:21 Ye mountains of Gilboa let there be no dew.

What does this mean?

This verse is actually a curse on the battlefield of Mt Gilboa. David wants the battlefield to remain in a state of barrenness as a memorial to the valiant soldiers who died there. Remember you can have courageous men but poor leadership destroy their courage. Courageous men will be defeated when their commander is stupid David wants this battlefield to be ugly and repulsive, why? He wants it to be a reminder that even if you have well trained personal, if they lack leadership or a leader they will end up as nothing. This is a reminder that no nation can ignore the profession of the military.

2Sa 1:21

David is saying that very area where the battle was fought should be a scare, a barren scare. As a reminder that no nation survives the failure of its professional military leadership. now, David describes a few things that he hopes will happen to the battlefield so that every time people go through that area they will be reminded of the failure to motivate, to encourage, and to provide and train good leadership for courageous men.

now we understand what it means to have no dew, neither rain. This will make it a desert, a scar on the hillside, an eyesore as a reminder.

But what about the phrase, fields of offerings, that needs a little bit of explanation. What are the fields of offerings? It refers to the agricultural production from which the first fruit offerings are presented. David is saying let there never be any growth of any kind there, no wheat, no barely, no crops of any kind. He is saying let the ground be totally unproductive.

David is saying, may the fields on the slopes of Mt Gilboa be a carcass and nonproducing. he wants Mt Gilboa to be an eye-sore and a constant reminder of the courageous men in Israel. However it is also a memorial to the fact that Israel was under poor leadership. The destitute area of Mt Gilboa serves as a memorial to the military disaster. There were so many noble and valiant soldiers who died of poor leadership. Even today, every area around Mt Gilboa is very fertile and beautiful but the slopes of Mt Gilboa itself where the actual battle was fought. Till this day it lays naked and barren. And this battle took place in 1004 BC. For 3,000 years the barrenness and the nakedness of those hills is a reminder that no nation can afford not having great military leadership. No nation can afford to neglect the education of its military.

2Sa 1:21

shield magen - in the singular is a reference to one shield only.

mighty is a plural adjective gibor = valiant ones or heroes

2Sa 1:21b for there the shield of the mighty ones is vilely cast away

cast away gaal = to be defiled.

The defilement of the shield of the mighty ones or the valiant soldiers means the shedding of their blood. The shields were defiled or filled with blood which means defeat. The shields were not cast away in fear and cowardice. The men did not run away.

the shield of Saul not anointed with oil

i.e., polished with oil

This refers to the cleaning of the shield after a battle. Each soldier after a battle would take some polish and polish up their shield. In this way the

blood and other things would be removed. So the polishing of the shield represents military victory. The unpolished shield is the sign of defeat. So the entire verse reads this way:

You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither rain upon you, nor fields of offerings: Because there the shield of the mighty soldiers has been defiled, the shield of Saul has not been polished with oil.

2Sa 1:22 from the blood of the slain

the blood of the slain refers to the Philistines. It refers to the large number of enemy casualties. Many Philistines died in that battle, it cost them many lives to win. Why? Because of people like Jonathan and the brave soldiers

from the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty

The word fat means flesh

from the flesh of the mighty ones

the bow of Jonathan turned not back and the sword of Saul returned not empty

Saul did not have a spear though the Amalekite private reported that he did. But Saul did have a sword. And he used it well long before he used it on himself in the battle. Notice the phrase the bow of Jonathan. This is where the eulogy or the song received its title. Apparently the bow was Jonathan's favorite weapon as indicated by 1Sa 20. So Saul with his sword and Jonathan with his bow were courageous and did a great job. But there is a problem here which really points to why they lost. Saul and Jonathan were commanders. Saul was the commander and chief. Jonathan was a high-ranking general officer. The thing that is wrong is that your high ranking officers are doing the killing instead of directing the soldiers. It is not the

job of the general officer to do the killing himself. You don't operate that way in the military, in big business, in the church. David is saying that Saul and Jonathan and many of the Israeli soldiers were all courageous warriors, but it takes more than courage to win a battle. It takes leadership and brains. A good officer trains his men to do the job and he does the thinking. They do the training and its an unbeatable combination So it says the bow of Jonathan turned not back.

Turned not back means he went down firing. The sword of Saul returned not empty meaning that Saul was responsible for a lot of enemies dying

1) This verse indicates that Saul and Jonathan died fighting the enemy and this does not contradict Saul's suicide after he was seriously wounded.

2) This verse also indicates their failure as high ranking officers to think rather than fight.

2Sa 1:23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not divided they were swifter than eagles they were stronger than lions. Saul and Jonathan were not divided in life nor in death. Remember, Jonathan was noble and loyal to his father but he made a great mistake by choosing family over divine will. Jonathan's loyalty, though an admirable quality, was misdirected. So Saul is linked up with Jonathan in that grace marches on. Jonathan always encouraged David and was always David's best friend. Saul persecuted David and was jealous of David but David as a writer empowered by the H.S. speaks well of Jonathan and Saul. This is grace moving on. Saul is dead but grace is marching on. When a person who is a backslider dies God is finished punishing him. So, David ignores the backsliding and the suicide of Saul. When a person dies God is finished punishing him whether he is a believer or its suicide, the subject is

closed. That is exactly what we have when David puts Saul and Jonathan in the same boat. now, notice the phrase Saul and Jonathan were lovely

The word lovely - ahab - in the passive stem means Saul and Jonathan were loved.

The word pleasant - naim = agreeable or respected

It doesn't sound like the Saul we have been studying but you must see a principle here, when a believer dies his sins and failures are never mentioned, Joh 5:24.

All of Saul's discipline is now blotted out. Even the men of Jabesh Gilead understood this principle. Do you remember what happened in 1Sa 31, when Saul's body was hanged on the walls of Bashan? The men of Jabesh Gilead still loved him and they went under great pressure and showed great courage in giving him a great burial. The men of Jabesh Gilead did not care if Saul committed suicide, it was not concern of theirs. They remembered the good things about the man. Saul was a backslider who died the sin unto death by committing suicide, but they loved him still. And they even risked their lives to get his corpse for burial. That is grace and grace thinking. many are too bound up with dog-eat-dog to appreciate this type of thinking. The men of Jabesh Gilead were men of nobility, they were men of grace. That is what the verse says when it says Saul and Jonathan were lovely, they were loved.

The grace-greatness of David is noted in the linking of Saul and Jonathan together. And while Saul hated David and sought to kill him, David did not hate Saul nor did he retaliate toward Saul. He could have killed Saul twice when Saul was alive and so what makes you think he would retaliate in death. David will not! Why? The ability of a man to be a great leader does

not depend upon his personal life. Shocking isn't it, but it's true. And history has demonstrated it. Julius Caesar had the morals of an alley cat but he changed the world for the better. He had the ability to make great decision under pressure. And he died from his won son, Brutus, who stabbed him 40 times. And that is the tragedy that Christians fail to see. If he is nice and sweet he must be great in government. Morality and sweetness, brotherly love, sweet Christian-types usually make terrible leaders. And so David writes about a losing battle, about a man who died in suicide and yet he writes in a manner in which he never gets out of grace.

And yet, in 2Sa 2 we will see that David knew every detail of this battle through soldiers that he sent to get the information. how did David know the battle took place on Mt Gilboa the Amalekite private didn't tell him, David knew all the details as well will see from his own spy team that he sent out. David, please note, is not gloating he is not maligning, he is not rejoicing in iniquity. To a super grace believer as David is, there is not subtle satisfaction in the soul, there is no legalism, no self-righteousness or I told you so type of thinking going on. David forgives and forgets. Saul's jealousy, his maliciousness, his spitefulness were mt with total gracefulness. David is the total super-grace man as he writes this. David maintained, even in death, the march of grace.

2Sa 1:23

Father and son are not divided

This is because Jonathan did not separate from Saul and his apostasy. And under the ministry of God the H.S., David will not separate them as he writes these lyrics. At different times both Saul and Jonathan were noble men. Saul in 1020 BC was a very noble King. Jonathan's nobility is recorded many times. Jonathan and Saul were linked together in life and in

death. However, Jonathan is linked to the death of his father because he failed to separate from an apostate backslider, his father. Both men are dead and whatever their discipline and failures were, it's over. So David is emphasizing the greatness of their lives rather than their failures.

He is not being dishonest in this, he is merely recording the good things under the principle of grace. David has great grace.

1) Even though Saul died the sin unto death and by way of suicide, he was still loved by many and not only loved but respected. The men of Jagil not only loved but respected him even tho he died of suicide. That was not the issue to them.

The sin unto death is only an issue to the one who dies it. It is never a mater of gossip or maligning or any other sinful type of conversation And the discipline ends at death so not tongue has the right to continue it

2) David respected the Lord's anointed so much that he doesn't even mention Saul's apostasy or suicide.

And remember, David is the one who was persecuted by Saul but David never so much as mentions his suicide or his apostasy.

3) If you have respect for authority when that authority is being used against you then it is true respect. Everyone likes authority till it's turned in their direction against them.

So when David says Saul and Jonathan were loved and respected in their lives he is speaking for himself as well on behalf of others. David loved both of them and he respected both of them. He respected Saul because of being the king and the Lord's anointed. His respect for Jonathan was that of

a true-friend.

4) The graciousness of David is revealed by his lack of resentment toward Saul. David is not happy that Saul is dead there is no bitterness and no retaliation. David did not retaliate in life not in time of death.

So, verse 23 says Saul and Jonathan were loved and respected in their lives and in their deaths they were not divided
divided - parad - not been separated

Saul and Jonathan were not divided in life and therefore they were not separated or divided in death. Jonathan's loyalty to his father blinded him to the need of separation. Loyalty to your family is often blindness. However even though David knew this he would not criticize Jonathan. Saul's obvious failure was apostasy. Jonathan's obvious failure was from refusing to separate from his father. He should have left his father and he knew it, he was to be the prime minister of David's kingdom, 1Sa 23:17. Family loyalty has caused a lot of problems. There are many examples in the Bible of family loyalty, separating believers from the plan of God. However, without Christ it only takes matter of time before the family falls apart. There are many causes of family trouble and without Christ as the solution, the family unit can be one of bondage. Biblical causes of family trouble are as follows:

Hatred - Gen 27:41 - Esau hated Jacob

Childlessness - Gen 30:1

Jealousy - Gen 37:11

Ungrateful children - Deu 21;20

Unworthy husbands - 1Sa 25:25

Money - Pro 15:27 - he that is greedy gain trouble for his own house

Slothfulness - Ecc 10:18

Contentious wives - Pro 21:19

Now even though David was most hurt by Jonathan's failure to separate from his father. And he was hurt, by not having a trustworthy number one man under him. David still honors Jonathan in his death. If Jonathan had separated from his family he would have been identified with David and a great prime minister. David needed a loyal second in command and always suffered from the lack of one. And there is a principle here, your decision effect more than you.

By associating with apostasy Jonathan dies with his father. Failure to separate from backsliders can only bring misery and unhappiness and discipline by association. We have had the doctrine separation before so we'll just mention some of the principles.

We are commanded to separate from certain types of carnal believers, 1Co 5:10-11

We are to separate from B/S or apostate believers, 1Sa 22:1; 2Th 3:6; 2Th 3:14-15

Separation from emotional believers, the emotional legalist, the full gospel type, Rom 16:17-18; 1Pe 4:4

Separation from the lascivious crowd, Jer 15:17.

Separation from unbelievers, i.e., the royal family separates from unbelievers where doctrine is compromised, 2Co 6:14; Heb 13:13.

Separation from worldliness or human viewpoint, Rom 12:2-3

Separation from religion, 2Co 6:17; 2Ti 3:5.

And in 2Ti 3, the believer is to separate from any person or group that tries to come between you and your right pastor or you and the local assembly.

Many of you have people in your life who try to pull you away from doctrine Separation from family if necessary, Mat 10:34-39

Now either one of tow things happened, either Saul was asleep in the congregation when Samuel taught about Gideon or Saul was absent from the congregation. in either case it's a sign of NVTD. And as a result when he needed doc the most he didn't have it. The very teachings that he taught about Gideon were the very teachings Saul needed for guidance and victory. In fact, Saul is standing on the very spot that the story of Gideon rook place. The very spot where 22,000 cowards were dropped is the very spot Saul is standing on. Instead of being a coward himself he should have thought about the 22,000 that freaked out in Gideon's army. If Saul had simply remembered the history or the doctrine pertaining to Gideon he would have been victorious.

So in vs 5 when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid

And his heart greatly trembled

heart leb = the place where all the thinking is done. This is the real you.

Saul is now freaking out and living in fear. Now how did Saul get like this? Saul is a backslider the stages of backsliding can be traced in the life of Saul. Remember in the beginning stages of backsliding the first stage is

usually the reactionary stage. In Saul's case the domination reactor factor in the life of King Saul was his jealousy of David. he was extremely jealous. Jealousy actually was the first sin that caused Saul to motivate himself to kill David. jealousy is never alone. It leads to great hatred. And Saul's hatred led to the fact that he would never be happy again. It was jealousy that motivated the first murder to take place. Jealousy and hatred caused Saul to persecute David even though David saved his life on several occasions. This was the first stage of Saul's backsliding experience. he was already a backslider in his heart but NVTD. Now as always the thoughts are producing action. the second stage of backsliding is the pseudo-search for peace and happiness. This is when you pursue the wrong things for happiness. In the case of king Saul he tried to related his happiness to eliminating David from his life. he tried to have David executed, he put him in dangerous spots, and so built his happiness on David's unhappiness. In fact, the whole purpose of Saul's life was centered around destroying David. This leads to the third stage which is the backfire stage.

Saul did not succeed on his wild chase for peace and happiness therefore. As always everything backfired. The more he pursued David the more David prospered, then the more Saul became jealous. It was all one big circle. The more he tried the more frustrating he became and therefore he developed the backsliding obsession.

To build your happiness on someone else's unhappiness is a subtle trap to produce self-induced misery.

the fourth stage of backsliding now appears, the emotional revolt of the soul. The emotion of the soul revolted against the heart. This means that emotion took over. And he was no longer a rational person. He was no longer a good administrator, a good leader, a good military general. And so he began to fail in every area of life. Emotions allowed Saul to put the

administration in tot he hands of evil men like Dorg the Edomite. This emotional revolt also served to strengthen his obsession to destroy David. Emotions stopped his heart from thinking properly. He lost all reason. His conscience went to sleep. All divine viewpoint disappeared from his life.

The fifth stage of backsliding is an obvious one, he began to neglect Heb 10:25. He neglected hearing the great messages of Samuel the Prophet. He became indifferent toward doctrine as always happens in backsliding. he was antagonistic toward Samuel, the one who taught doctrine, because Samuel had anointed David the next king. He could not handle any possible pattern of Bible teaching that came his way.

He reacted to it all, stayed away and completely ignored the teaching of Samuel. We will see how he will come to regret this. No one turns his back on Bible teaching without sometime coming to a place where he or she totally regrets his action. This leads us to the 6th stage.

The 6th stage, blackout of the soul. As Eph 4:18 states, they have their understanding darkened. Saul's mind was blinded from truth and his soul received 1Ti 4:1. The doctrine of demons which was to kill David. By this time King Saul was in the hand s of Satan and the blackout of the soul led to hardness of the heart. Hardness of the heart simply means the valve is closed to pipe in B.D. This is also called scar tissue of the soul as well as hardness of the heart. This leads to the 7th stage.

7th stage, backsliding i.e., the revenge stage. Saul has neglected B.D. and now he is going to get even with David. So back to our passage.

1Sa 28:5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines he was afraid

afraid yare = to frighten

And his heart greatly trembled

meod - suddenly, quickly

charad - shudder with terror, to fear, to be filled with anxiety.

This brings us to the doctrine of fear

DOCTRINE OF FEAR

Point 1) Fear is described as a mental attitude sin.

Categorically, M.A. sins are the worst types, 1Sa 17:24; 17:26; Rom 14:23.

Saul was afraid of the giant, Goliath, who was the Philistine champion.

Point 2) Fear is also a sign of backsliding. 1Sa 18:12; 18:29; 21:12; 28:20.

In all these passages we see Saul in his backsliding experience moving from fear to greater fear.

Point 3) Lack of fear is a part of the RMA filled with doctrine. Heb 11:27; 13:6, tell us that doctrine in the heart produces lack of fear.

Point 4) There is also a legitimate fear found in the word of God. Legitimate fear is related to failure to enter into God's rest, Heb 4:1. Believers ought to be afraid not to use the faith-rest drill or not to depend

upon the Lord and His divine provisions.

Let us therefore be afraid lest a promise being left to us go unclaimed. We should be afraid of not claiming the doctrines, promises, and principles found in the word of God. When people are trained right in almost every area of life their only fear is not to succeed or not to execute what has been set before them. So there is such a thing as legitimate fear in life. But it is always projected toward something worth while. You would have fear of missing the great promises of God or the great doctrinal provisions. And this fear is only overcome by Eph 4:23 or Heb 10:25.

Point 5) Love is said to be the absence of fear, 1Jo 4:18.

Point 6) Fear is not a part of God's plan for the believer.

Exo 14:13-14

Josh 8:1

Deu 31:8

Isa 41:10

1Ch 28:20

2Ti 1:7

2Ti 1 also tells us that if you cater to fear long enough there will be certain patterns in the soul which will cause you to become either psychotic or neurotic.

Point 7) Courage or lack of fear is a sign of spiritual maturity.

Psa 3:6

Psa 56:3

Psa 56:11

Psa 23:4

Point 8) Fear is also used in the Bible for occupation with the person of Christ.

The Greek and Hebrew words for fearing God mean

- 1) Awe
- 2) Respect
- 3) Admiration

2Sa 23:3

Neh 5:9,15

Eph 5:21

Job 28:28

Psa 19:9

Psa 34:11

Psa 111:10

Pro 1:7

Pro 9:10

Pro 10:27

Pro 22:4

Mal 3:16

1Pe 2:17

These are some of the passages in both the Old and New Testaments where the word fear means awe, respect, or occ with Christ.

Point 9) Fear can produce sickness and depression. Gen 21:17; 1Ki 19:4; Neh 2:2.

Fear is a major problem in the life of most people. The more you surrender to fear the more things you will fear.

Psa 118

Point 10) The Lord can use fear to bless us if we allow that fear to drive us to Him.

Fear of Esau drove Jacob to humble himself and seek God in Gen 32:9-12.
Psa 118:6; Luk 8:50; Mat 8:26; Psa 34:4; Mat 14:30.
But it also caused him to cry out Lord save me.

Point 11) There is also another fear which is good for mankind.
The fear and terror of a holy and just God, Exo 20:20; Luk 12:4-5.

Point 12) What is God's attitude toward those who live in fear.
Well first of all let me say Isa 5:4; Heb 11:6.
Job 39:22; Pro 26:33; Jud 7:3

22,000 out of 32,000 went home immediately. Now you understand why I said fear is a major problem in the lives of most people.
Rev 21:8

Fear is lack of trust and respect toward God. What is God's attitude toward Fear? In Isa 66:4 to those who choose their own way over the Lord's He says I also will choose their delusions and will bring their fears upon them because when I called they did not answer, when I spake, they did not hear but they did evil before My eyes and chose that in which I delighted not.

Mat 25:25
he hid his talent

He didn't use the gifts the Lord had given him because of fear.

Mat 8:26

So you see God is not easy when it comes to fear. Why? Because fear is an expression for the greatest sin of all, pride.

Point 13) Everyone fears in some area but it's when fear controls you that it becomes sin.

Job 41:33

Everyone has some breaking point which causes them to fear. Some causes of fear according to the bible are as follows:

1) Rejection of BD.

Psa 53:5; Pro 10:24

2) Freaking out over God's calling in your life, Mat 10:31.

3) Breakdown in the mentality of the soul over the pressures of life, Luk 21:26.

4) The fear of witnessing for Christ because of what others might say, Joh 7:13.

5) Fear of death, Heb 2:15.

6) Fear to make wrong decisions and fear of rejection, Gal 2:12.

7) Fears of old age, Ecc 12:5.

8) The floods of ungodly men made David afraid, Psa 18:4.

9) When the body is weak and weary and cannot think properly, 2Sa 17:2.

10) Troubles and anxiety can also produce fear, Job 15:24.

11) Terrors shall make many afraid in every area of life, Job 18:11.

12) Words cause people to live in fear, Isa 37:6.

The Lord said be not afraid of the words that ye hear.

Joh 14:27

13) Sin and guilt cause fear, Gen 3:10.

Point 14) Deals with God's promises to those who are afraid.

Jer 23:4

Jer 3:15 The Lord promises to send shepherd and set them up over them to feed them

Isa 35:4 The Lord will deliver you.

Rom 8:15 Fear is not from the Lord

Lev 26:6

Deu 20:1

Neh 4:14

Josh 1:9

Pro 3:24

Pro 3:25

Pro 3:26

Psa 112:7

we need to learn how to handle fear no matter who we are even the mighty are afraid according to Job 41:25.

Job 3:25

Psa 91:1-5

_____end of doc fear

1Sa 28:3-5

Now we must note a few things before we study vs 6.

1) Remember, Saul is a backslider. What is a backslider? An old Latin

proverb gives us our answer, he that doesn't go forward goes backward.

2) In time of prosperity the backslider never thinks of God. He is occupied with whatever prosperity he has and he does not in anyway think of God.

3) However, in time of disaster a third principle arises the backslider always turns to God for help. He is the first one to start whining. you can always tell when the backslider is hurting, he starts coming back to church. But no magic wand is waved so they go off again into the wild blue world.

And then they show up and pop in occasional. they ar kind of like pimple son a face. They show up and disappear, show up and disappear.

4) There is one exception, and that is the person who changes his M.A. toward B.D. and doesn't quit. It's a long and hard road back but it's worth every step of it. It's worth all the agonizing, the fact that when you begin to see doc you begin to kick yourself. And then you have to go through that depressed down on yourself period. David did it, Saul did it. So, this is the principle we must face in this passage. In time of disaster the backslider thinks of God. In time of prosperity all he thinks about is prosperity. Now, that is what we have in vs 6.

1Sa 28:6 And when Saul enquired of the Lord

enquired shaal = to inquire, to request.

In fact, that Heb his humorous... Saul in the Heb shauwl. The sentence in vs 6 begins with shauwl shaal. Saul's name means to ask, and God the H.S. has a sense of humor, He takes Saul's name and doubles it. It should say Saul - sauled or asking asked. So Saul asked of the lord

In other words he is in a jam and for the first time in a long time he is thinking of the Lord

The Lord answered him not

Remember, there are many reason why the Lord doesn't answer prayer. The Lord doesn't answer prayer, some of those reason are as follows:

disobedience, Deu 1:45

Secret sin, Psa 66:18

Neglect of mercy, Pro 21:13

Despising doctrine, Pro 28:9

Slothfulness and passivity, Isa 1:15

Stubbornness, Zech 7:13

Instability, Jam 1:67

Self-indulgence, Jam 4:3

So the Lord answered him not

Notice, the three ways the Lord had not answered him:

- 1) Neither by dreams
- 2) nor by urim (lights of ephod)
- 3) nor by prophets

Right shoulder was no and left was yes urim and thumin

thummin is the checkerboard with 12 squares i.e., o for every tribe of Israel. Urim means lights - one says no the other says yes, and the tribe would light up who was to perform. (Hey I bet that is where the wee-gey board got it's idea.)

Now, there are some very interesting facts about this passage that we do not have here. One is that the real breastplate or the checkerboard, the urim and thummin is with David. And you see, the high priest is the one who carried the urim and thummin. Since Saul executed 85 priests through that rat Doeg the Edomite, 1Sa 22-18. The Ephod went with the one who escaped, who was Abiathar, 1Sa 22:22. Now Saul had made a substitute ephod but it didn't work. you have to have the real thing. The high priest and Saul didn't have it.

Point of Doc - Ecc 8:11

Saul's neg and wrong decisions are catching up with him. Saul, therefore couldn't get any yes or no answers. He had a fake urim and thummin and a fake high priest. the real high priest is with David. And he has the real urim and thummin.

So vs 6 says The Lord answered him no neither by dreams, nor by urim, nor by prophets. (Nathan and Gad are also with David).

When the backslider needs doc the most he has is the least. Divine answers and guidance in pressure come to those believers who have doctrine stored in their souls.

Now in vs 6, I want you to notice how the backslider seeks miracles, signs and wonders in time of pressure. The backslider wants the magic wand and is selfish and self-centered. The backslider is totally thoughtless. He never thinks of anyone else. They are always the one's who say I know you are busy but, I'd like to take a few moments of your time. Translation: three hours of boring, dull, depressing conversation, usually monologue. A

pastor can not help a backslider, a counselor cannot help a backslider. The backslider must help himself. And, there is no one shot answer. Backsliders usually are thoughtless, they are whiners, selfish, they lack sensitivity and common courtesy. And to try and help them is a waste of time. Why? Well, these people had the same chance for doctrine that you had. You took it in faithfulness, they did not. Then they want you to stop feeding and pay personal attention to them. they were neg toward learning so they will be negative toward application. Remember the early church in Act 2:46 who met daily. Psa 84:4.

The first sign of a backslider is his attendance record in Bible class. This is not to say that all who are not here every night are backsliders. But this is one of the characteristics of a backslider. Now, another principle is important here, only believers with doctrine can survive the heartaches, the pressures, the catastrophes of the world. God has designed the believer to operate and function under BD and nothing else. Saul lacked human ability to evaluate the crisis. And the principle is, Saul lost the spiritual battle before he lost the physical battle.

That's always the way it is with the backslider.. you never lose the visible without first losing the invisible.

Now, we go on to verses 7 through 10, the road to Endor.

1Sa 28:7 Then said Saul unto his servants (his staff)
and here is a command
seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit (i.e., a witch)

Saul's real objective is not stated in the next phrase but it will come up in vs 11. Saul wants to raise Samuel from the dead. Saul is now accepting necromancy. Saul has already been taught that necromancy is wrong, he

knows it and he knows it well. He knows that necromancy is forbidden and that demons are used to fake the dead. But, not he is so confused and double-minded and desperate that he is doing exactly what he knows he should not do. he is in the last stages of backsliding. This includes hardness of the heart, blackout of the soul, ending in physical death.

Now, why is it that Saul has changed his mind? Well, in the 6th stage of backsliding the vacuum of the soul opens up and draws in 1Ti 4:1. Then demon influence (not demon possession) results. The black-out of the soul plus the hardness of the heart causes him not to understand doctrine she previously understood. So as a backslider he reverts to superstition and human viewpoint.

1Sa 28:7 Then said Saul unto his servants, seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit that I may go to her and enquire of her

Saul is now relying on human viewpoint. All he had to do was recall what Gideon did in the same place where he was. And again if Saul had been learning his doctrine he would have known and understood the book of Judges and at this point it was one bit of doctrine he could have applied. Principle, you never know when you are studying the word, what doctrine you are going to need.

One point and your life may depend on it, right now it may not mean anything to you there comes a time when some of the most insignificant principles suddenly become extremely important. And if Saul had simply remembered what Samuel had taught him about Gideon he would have been victorious. Pro 5:11-13.

Saul is backsliding and seeking counsel. He is afraid yet also courageous. The reason is backsliding leads to instability. Frightened one moment and courageous the next. Another principle is in backsliding, the backslider

seeks to use the Lord. Saul had not been thinking about the Lord for a long time now he is in a jam and he says God help and the Lord doesn't answer. Delusion, deception, and superstition mark the believer who is backslidden.

1Sa 28:7b And his servants said to him, behold there is a woman that has a familiar spirit at Endor

Endor was a town filled with numerous caves apparently this is where many of the demon possessed crowd were hanging out.

1Sa 27:8 begins with the story of the witch of Endor and the angelic conflict.

1Sa 27:8 And Saul disguised himself and put on other raiment

he had to disguise himself because he had ordered the execution of all the witches. The word disguise is very interesting. The backslider can use a number of disguises, here it refers to clothes but in other cases it could also mean personality disguises.

Now, in the past Saul as we saw in vs 3 got rid of all the wizards and witches. Now, he is trying to hook up with one. he is obviously unstable. At one time he says I want to kill you then he says I want you to help me. The problem is inconsistency and instability. Now, Saul is only going to change his clothes to disguise himself but, the most dangerous types are those who change their personality. Generally they become very sweet. They figure out ways to compliment you, flatter you, when in fact, yesterday they despised you. But, today you might be of some service to them. you might be able to help them. They are two-faced. This is what Saul is doing, he is seeking help from one who he previously despised.

An example of personality changes, when a woman is out to hook a man or a man is out to catch a woman they will hide their weakness of character. They may have a nasty temper, be insecure and jealous, never really planning to leave their spouse, etc. And the worst disguise you will ever face in life is the personality disguise. Just as you would use cloths to disguise the body, personality can disguise the soul. It's interesting that Saul was the king who had prohibited the practice of divination and necromancy. And now in the last stages of backsliding he is seeking help from the very ones whom he once rejected. What has happened to Saul in backsliding explains why many believers begin with doctrine as Saul did, sound, conservative, courageous, but they give lip service to doctrine and backsliding always changes these people.

Now remember, life is something that continually changes. Life has many stages of growth. We not only undergo physical change as we stay in this world, we undergo also mental change and spiritual change. No one stands still. This is why we get such wide differences among Christians and great inconsistency. The worst ones are those who are NTD, the best are PTD... doctrine makes all the difference. All of the best changes are based on doctrine. And the worse changes come to those minus doctrine. Whether you like it or not, you are in a constant state of change. People change, they get stronger or weaker, smarter or dumber. And backsliding changes believers for the worst. And, no believer ever backslides without destroying himself and everyone connect with him.

1Sa 28:8 And Saul disguised himself and put on other raiment and he went and two men with him

Now, remember Saul is afraid this is what motivates him but, cowards do the wrong brave things A coward isn't brave but he does brave things, his

fear motivates him. So, he does brave things but they are the wrong brave things. Never forget, that the most dangerous people in the world are cowards. They are dangerous to themselves, to those who love them, and dangerous to trust. Cowards are dangerous you can't turn your back on a coward. In dangerous situations cowards are unpredictable. They will talk behind your back, cut you up, and you should never depend on them. You know they are yellow so don't be fooled.

Now before we get to the witch of Endor and get into that wild seance let's get some principles down:

1) Saul's military is weak and limited.

Why?

Because Saul has been so busy on personal vengeance, chasing David, that he has neglected the military training of his nation.

2) Saul is a believer, he is a backslidden believer.

How would you like to have your son under his command? this is why a backslidden believer is worst experientially than an unbeliever. Saul should be listening to doctrine, instead he is creeping from rock to rock going to a seance.

3) It isn't courage that is needed, it is good training and discipline. You don't need heroes what you really need is just plain good soldiers. Heroes don't make the difference. Brains make the difference. Brains, discipline, and recognition of authority equals victory.

4) The Jewish army no longer has discipline. It no longer has motivation nor patriotism. And the reason is - terrible leadership. The Lord will not answer and guide the backslider.

5) Saul is now under the sin unto death and divine discipline.

And here is the principle, when a leader is under divine discipline or the sin unto death, all of those he leads die with him. Jonathan wasn't a backslider but he is going to die by association. Be careful who and what you associate with.

6) Saul's problems are as follows:

- 1) he is desperate
- 2) he is confused
- 3) he is filled with human viewpoint
- 4) he is under demon influence
- 5) he has blackout of the soul
- 6) he has hardness of the heart

1Sa 28:8 And Saul disguised himself and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night.

They arrived at the witch of Endors house in the evening. and he said, I pray thee divine unto me by the familiar spirit

Saul is anxious to get her help he is desperate but there is a principle here. Desperate people use other people. They disguise their personality and the true condition of their soul. he says I pray thee, i.e., in the Hebrew equivalent to the English if you please. In desperation Saul turns to good manners, politeness in using people. In using people the desperate backslider changes his behavior from being cruel and vindictive to polite and sweet. And therefore we have operation strap-on. He disguised his body with difference clothes , he disguised his soul with good manners.

So, he says, please divine unto me by the familiar spirit

divine qasan - to contact the dead

Beware of people who use good manners and politeness to use you.

And so Saul says and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee

Saul is so confused he actually thought that the demon could go down to hades and bring up Samuel.

Notice the ingredients of this verse

1) We have the disguising of the body of Saul to make him appear that he is something that he is not.

2) We have the disguising of the soul. He is very polite with this woman. He is catering to a demon possessed woman.

3) He is also demanding counseling. He wants Samuel to drop what he is doing in paradise and come back to earth to counsel him. This is typical of the backslider. Remember Samuel was the best communicator of doctrine in his day and one of the best of all time. Saul had every opportunity to take in doctrine but he refused to come to Bible class and sit under Samuel's teachings. And, it's typical of the believer who rejects BD to come and demand counseling and take hours of your time. They want you to wave the magic wand. If people will be faithful and listen to the teaching of the word of God they will get all the doctrine they need. When crisis comes it is the believer who has stored doctrine in the soul that makes it. But as for Saul he is selfish, vindictive, implacable, and frightened. Everyone of you will

face in your lifetime at least one major crisis. But you will never face it unless first of all God has given you the time to learn the doctrine to face the crisis, 1Co 10:13. And all the pastors in the world can not help you when that crisis comes. God brings every believer in time to the place where if he doesn't have doctrine he has had it. And all the counseling in the world isn't going to change it that is why I think counseling stinks. I think counseling tears the guts out of a pastor so he can't do his job properly. And 90% of the time those that seek counsel are NTD. And I believe a pastor who spends his time in counseling is a failure. You are not here to lean on everyone, you are here to become SSS. And, if you don't have doc in your soul, you will never become SSS. To the extent that a believer has to go running to someone else to that extent he is weak. And he is using crutches and the command is to walk by means of the Spirit. It's walk not hobble.

Do you have any crutches? Who are your crutches? Who is your crutch? Who do you go running to when things don't go right. It's no what people think that matters, it's what the word of God states. That is why it's wrong for me to counsel and I'm not going to turn into someone's crutch. A pastor teacher has not been called to counsel, he has been called to teach.

4) Saul as a backslider is under a delusion. He actually thinks that the demon can go down to Sheol and bring Samuel back. This shows us how, minus doctrine the bel is led to ignorance.

And so the witch is very skeptical, she suspects a trap. This is how witches and mediums were often caught by the request of seances.

now, Saul is going to have his request filled much to the surprise of both the witch and the demon. They are going to get the shock of their lives.

There is something that we cannot overlook here. The woman did not recognize Saul. Look at vs 9A. She didn't say, you are king Saul and you are trying to trap me. Now, remember in vs 7 this woman is demon possessed. But the demon doesn't tap her on the shoulder and say look out it's king Saul. She didn't get any communication from the demon at all. Now, I want to tell you something, if you are a believer, you are a member of the RF of God. 1Jo 4:4

There is more lies about demons than you can imagine. People give demons too much credit. There are those who think they are on every corner and then there are those who do not believe they exist. Now demons are simply fallen angels with a fallen nature. And they are not that smart. And especially the ventriloquist demon, he always has to imitate and copy someone else. And, I want you to notice that the demon inside the woman cannot telegraph to the woman, that it is Saul under the disguise. There are demons who can tell when it's a trap but it is not the obh or the eggastromuthos demon. Remember, there are some demons that are related to violence and other demons who are related to leadership and rulership. For instance...

1) Demons have been in control of rulers of nations, Eze 21:21; Dan 10:13.

And also kings, 2Ki 21:1-17

2) And then on the other hand there are some that indwell animals, Mar 5:11-12

3) Demons (like humans) are not created equal and possess different authority, Eph 6:12.

Some demons are related to violence, Mat 8:28. they cause abnormal

behavior such as screaming and crying, Mar 5:5.

Suicide, Mar 5:5

Foaming at the mouth, Mar 9:20

Streaking, Luk 8:27

Grinding of teeth, Mar 9:28

These are the dumb demons

but then we have the intelligent demons who cause the rise of certain world leaders, 2Th 2:9; Rev 16:13-14.

And also cause wars, Rev 20:8. But you see this demon in 1Sa 28 is a dumb demon, he doesn't even know that king Saul has disguised himself.

Now she says behold thou knowest

A little appeal to his ego from an intelligent woman.

She gives the impression that Saul is a very smart man and he knows the law of the land. In other word she already knows that he is a sucker or he wouldn't be there. Now how do you treat a sucker? Fatten him up a little bit. How do you get him ripe for the kill? You pump up his inflated ego with hot air. She says you know what Saul has done. This is a reference to the law that Saul established. Now, obviously she is going to try and fatten up Saul's head. you see, the more pride that Saul has when he sits down at a seance, the dumber he is and he won't catch on to any of the fakery. You see pride blinds you. Pride blinded Elijah in 1Ki 19 so much that he actually thought that God couldn't make it without him. A proud person thinks that if they leave a certain place, the place will fall apart. A proud person is one who is so afraid to be wrong that they will justify their wrong decisions instead of admitting to truth. You see, Saul chose the witch of Endor so he is vulnerable to her deception. And with a big fat ego that has been inflated he won't even realize that he is being taken.

For men only... the prouder you are the easier it is for you to fall. Any stupid woman can defeat a brilliant man if he is caught with his ego showing. And the more credit you take for yourself men when you are dealing with the female the more you have had it. If you are vain and proud you are easy. When a man is vain or proud he is dumb no matter how high his IQ is. To the extent that he is filled with pride to that extent he is defeated.

And the man who thinks he is God's gift to women is the laugh of the female species

he is such a sucker, and is stupid. 2Co 2:11; Eph 6:12

Now remember, Saul is vindictive, jealous, and implacable and therefore he is proud. Psa 1:1

And the woman knows exactly what she is doing when she says Behold you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life to cause me to die?

Now here is the key. This is why we today do not realize our own country is filled with demons. We think of demons in Africa or India or some heathenistic part of the world. But, while the woman is demon possessed she gives overt recognition to the laws of the land and government. She gives credence to the laws of the land. And she appears on the surface to be law abiding. Point, demon possessed people obey the law. Point, Demon possessed people operate under the laws of establishment as long as Satan has a better hand. Satan can play two hands, he can have his intelligent demons rule or his dummy demons freak out. But Satan also has something

else, he has some trump cards in his hand. His trump cards are backslidden believers. As long as Satan has enough trumps he keeps down demon possession. People often ask, why are there not many having demons cast out of them? May I say, because Satan has enough bells on his side without needing to possess. Satan keeps his troops hidden for a surprise attack. And he keeps them hidden behind sweet, kind, moral individuals who operate under the laws of divine establishment. That is why in this country today we don't see a lot of rolling in the aisle, foaming at the mouth, splitting out pea soup. We see demon possession manifest by respectability, Isa 2:6.

1Sa 28:9 I want you to notice something The woman has out disguised Saul. Saul came disguised and he is being out disguised. We have two phonies talking to each other. And actually one reason why the ventriloquist demon doesn't have another demon coming to him telling him that this is Saul is because Saul doesn't have a demon assigned to him to follow him around cuz he is backslidden. He is carnal and Satan can always count on the backslider

Saul is the devil's ace trump in Israel. And whenever great apostasy and backsliding breaks out in a country Satan very wisely hides his demons. And usually they are hidden behind a facade of respectability. Satan would rather have believers under demon influence than unbelievers under demon possession. So the demon army is actually hidden today in the U.S. We have very little idolatry, witchcraft, black-magic, human sacrifice, etc. in the US. But it's nothing compared to countries like Africa or India. So, the sincere Christian who has rejected doctrine but is filled with the Christian vocabulary is always a compliment to Satan's kingdom because he can recruit others to his apostasy through them. And when he sincere bell has rejected doctrine sees others receiving doctrine he will be judgmental and critical. And he is not demon possessed but he is under demon influence. Mat 7:16;

Col 1:10.

Saul is under demon influence - the vacuum in his soul is breathing in 1Ti 4:1. The woman is demon possessed by a dumb demon but Saul is being influenced by a smart demon. The demons who teach doc are some of the smartest demons. The demons who act as ventriloquist are the dumbest demons. And there is variation in angelic IQ just as there is in human IQ. The smart angels do the teaching. So we have two types of individuals here:

- 1) A woman who is demon possessed and lawful
- 2) A man who is demon influenced and lawless

Now Satan will not oppose king Saul as long as he is a backslider. Saul is Satan's man even tho he is a believer but he is the enemy of the cross. Some of you would say what an awful thing to be used for by the devil. You and I could be in the same boat. All it takes is for you and me to neglect BD and we are no different than Saul. Note, that the witch of Endor than does not follow the typical concept of demon possession. She is not violent, not foaming at the mouth and is not lawless. She is a very normal looking and normal acting individual. And only women can be indwelt by the obh demon. The obh demon is the ventriloquist of the demons. the smart demons usually go into men. Not because men are smarter, but at this time men were more influential. So the smart demons go into the unbelieving men who possess power. So let's be very careful, the idea that all demon possessed people are raving lunatics is not correct. many demon possessed people appear on the surface to be law abiding people. This is the way Satan sets his ambush and puts them in positions of potential promotion. And maybe some of the nicest people you will ever know are actually indwelt by demons.

cut off hiphil karath = to destroy

those that have familiar spirits and the wizards out of the land

Notice it was the males and females of the human race that were destroyed not demons. Demons cannot be destroyed.

Now notice the grace of God using a witch to remind Saul that there was a time when he wouldn't think of going to a witch.

wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die

life kenaphashi - naphshi means soul

you are trying to trap my soul she says. You need BD in your soul and if you don't have doc in your soul you will get trapped.

1Sa 28:10

Now isn't this interesting

Here is a man about to die the sin unto death and he is making vows to the Lord. He is using the Lord. He used part of his staff to find the witch, his army to chase David, the Lord's name to get to the woman, and the woman to get what he wants. Backsliders always use others they are clever and they manipulate others. But, you never use the one you love. If you find yourself using someone you do not love that one. Many individuals use the name of the Lord for their own secret goals and ambitions. Just because someone says to you it's the Lord's will or God is my witness, it doesn't mean that what they are saying is true or part of the plan of God. And so Saul in vs 10 reveals the impossibility of the backslider to be stable or consistent

1Sa 28:10 And Saul sware to her by the Lord saying as the Lord liveth there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.

Many use the name of the Lord as a self-righteous disguise. Now Saul said as the Lord liveth.

Of course this is a violation of the third commandment, Exo 20:7. Saul is making a vow and using the Lord's name in vain.

to lift up the name of the Lord thy God means to use God as a front to get something done that you want done.

it can mean to use the Lord to sponser your own projects or to gain a false goal. Many use the Lord and His name to cover for a lie, e.g., "I sware to God" or "before God". Pastors use the Lords' name to bully their congregation or to tyrannize people i.e., destroying the function of their privacy.

There are two areas the backslider uses...people and God. Now let's get some principles down from this verse:

1) This woman is demon possessed. For a person to be demon possessed they must surrender their body to demons. And they must believe what is false to do so. This woman , to be demon possessed had to believe what is false. And once you start believing what is false people ca and will use you.

2) This is why you cannot effectively witness to a demon possessed person until the demon is removed. The demon possessed person will always trust the false.

3) Therefore the witch of Endor believes the solemn promise or the vow of

Saul. And remember, she doesn't know it's Saul.

4) But the promise of Saul is no greater than the character of Saul. Saul is unstable, selfish, vindictive, jealous, implacable, and unreliable. So when you are dealing with a carnal believer or a backslider you can't trust them. They live a lie so they speak a lie.

1Sa 28:11 then said the woman who shall I bring up unto thee?

said - kal imperf of amar = the woman replied at some length

The imperfect tense indicates quite a bit of conversation. So she says - whom shall i bring up or cause to bring up unto thee? Now we see the woman living in her lie.

She cannot bring someone up for the dead and she knows it. We have two liars and they both deserve each other. Satan is a liar and he lies by the lie. He functions by the lie. Doctrine is the opposite of the satanic function. So we have a very humorous situation here, two people deceiving each other. Saul came in disguise, the woman is already disguising herself. And God fakes them both out. Even where demon possession is involved, fakery is the order of the day. The lie still lives on. Demons have one purpose and that is to detract the unbeliever from the gospel and the believer from doctrine. Saul lied, she lied. She says who shall I bring up for you.

This statement "whom shall I bring up for you" is made in the middle of a trance

This is what we could call the filling of dreams, demons control the person better when the person is in a trance So the trance is designed to fill her with the demon. the question implies that the demon possessed woman

could bring up someone from the dead and therefore we see the demons operating like their master, Satan who is the father of lies.

This is a satanic lie because a demon possessed woman cannot bring up anyone from the dead. All the demon can do is imitate the dead by throwing his voice. Satan constantly tries to claim divine power.

Only God and His sovereignty can bring anyone back from the dead. And so the woman is now filled with the "obh" demon and his job is to impersonate the dead. And Saul said (kal/imp of amar) bring me up Samuel; cause Samuel to appear.

Here is a 7 foot, handsome man great actor, living in a lie, looking for the supernatural experience. But, being a backslider he is about to miss one of the funniest things that ever happened at a seance. And the only one that is going to appear calm is Saul because he doesn't realize what is happening.

1Sa 28:12 Now we have something that happened which completely changes any seance that has ever taken place, it actually worked.

And when the woman saw Samuel

saw kal imper of raah = she kept on looking at Samuel.

The kal imp indicates that this is an interruption. The demon is immobilized and the woman is in shock. However, she will scream in a moment.

God in His grace and His sense of humor is actually answering the last request of King Saul. there is no demonism performing now, no mechanical fakery, no actual appearance of Samuel.

She cried with a loud voice

kal imp of zaaq - does not mean one scream, it means a series of screams. The screams mean something has gone wrong.

Secondly, we will see that the demon is now forced out of the woman, she has completely and totally lost her poise, she is terrified. Even the woman will benefit by this though she will come out of this as an unbeliever but free. She will come out of the shock and be a free unbeliever, something she is not at this point. She is an unbeliever, but she was not free. She was under the control of a demon.

What's amusing is that the king of Israel, King Saul, who has been frightened all day is not frightened at all. For the first time all day Saul has forgotten his fear, he is totally fascinated by what is going on. To him it's all routine. I guess he assumed that every time there was a seance the witch would scream. You see, ignorance blinds you from truth even fear at times, thank God.

Once the dumb demon loses the control of the woman's vocal cord he has lost the control of the seance. You might call this grieving or quenching the demon So the dead has appeared. But remember the principle, only God can bring people back from the dead. And God has done so on several occasions, sometimes back in a physical body, sometimes back to give a message. In fact, now that the canon of scripture is completed and we are living in the age of the royal family of God, there will be no contact from the dead and no coming back from the dead.

However, this does not keep the eggastromuthos demons from finding new homes, necromancy is still practiced today. Right now the new things is to

contact their dead dogs and cats. And of course that is no problem for the eggastromuthos demon, they merely bark and meow as well as imitate people.

Now, the woman does some talking and the woman spake or spoke to Saul saying, Why have you deceived me?
She is angry, she is upset, hysterical and wants an explanation.

deceived piel/imperfect ramah = to cause one to be deceived; to betray.
Why have you betrayed or deceived me? But that is to be expected from a backslider?

1) When a person becomes upset and hysterical their first reaction is to blame others.

Again, when a persons is hysterical they will look for someone to blame. The fact that the witch is hysterical and she has not calmed down causes her to blame everything on Saul.

2) It is obvious from this question that the woman is no longer in a trance. She is no longer demon filled. Furthermore, when the screaming stops it implies that she is no longer possessed with the Obh demon.

3) However, even though the woman is no longer demon possessed she is still upset. And she is acting and thinking like an upset, hysterical, irritable person. She is going to blame the closest person to her, in this case the closest person to her is Saul.

4) Something else must be noted with interest. Once the demon is gone the woman recognizes that it is Saul. When the demon indwelt the woman she

didn't know it was Saul. You might note that a normal believer is more intelligent than a dumb demon. She has lost her poise.

(Hey, I thought it was Samuel who identified Saul and that is how she knew)

She specialized in deceiving others now she is upset that she is being deceived.

5) The witch has now penetrated through the disguise of the king of Israel. The question is how did she penetrate the disguise of king Saul? The answer is found in the fact that she is now free to use the facets of her own soul. Her soul has been under the control of Satan but now she is free. She had been a slave to demons. All demon possessed or demon oppressed individuals are a slave to Satan. As a demon possessed person, she had lost her perceptive ability.

When an unbeliever is demon possessed or when a believer is demon oppressed i.e., being under demon influence, they are not normal. The woman under demon possession could not and did not recognize Saul. She was not normal nor rational.

Now remember, Saul is hard to disguise, he is about 7 feet tall. And so with the demon gone the woman recovers her perceptive abilities. The something happened to the demon possessed man in Mar 5:15.

The man who had the legion of demons when the demons were removed they found him. sitting and clothed and in his right mind

1Sa 28:13 And the king said unto her be not afraid

Saul is not aware of the fact that this seance has gone wrong and that God has interrupted this seance.

for what sawest thou - what have you seen?

And the woman said unto Saul, I saw Gods [Elohim]

the woman has never seen anything like this before so she assumes it is God. However God the H.S. has already told us it is Samuel in vs 12

And the woman said unto Saul I saw gods ascending out of the earth

Whatever she saw we know that it was stronger than her, stronger than the demon, and the powers of evil therefore, she assumes it has to be God.

1) The departure of the demon now causes the woman to think clearly.

She logically comes up with the conclusion that it must be God because it is greater than the powers of evil. Now she is incorrect but at least her logic is going in the right direction.

2) Doctrines of demons and demon influence in a believer's life will cause the believer to become irrational and illogical.

When a believer is minus doctrine he cannot think clearly, he cannot think objectively,

He cannot put things together properly nor come to correct conclusions.

3) So, the woman is frightened by this interruption whom she called Elohim.. No one has ever seen Elohim, He is invisible and has never been

seen.

Whenever God is seen in the O.T. it's always Jehovah, who is the second person of the Trinity. The H.S. and God the Father are never visible to the human eye.

4) Now, it's very interesting to note that the Lord interrupts the seance, people begin to think. The woman is now thinking, Saul is not thinking. The demon is gone and Satan and all the forces of evil are now held back. Here we have the woman thinking, Saul thinking and Samuel approaching. Here is the principle, when God interrupts anything in life it gives those involved the chance to think. Catastrophe, many times is to awaken people out of their spiritual sleep. It gives them the ability to think, and the freedom to think. The ability to see life from divine viewpoint.

Amos 3:6

it is imperative therefore that God interrupts our lives from time to time to wake us up. God the Son does it in Rev 3:20 by knocking at the door our souls. That knocking is an interruption.

this means that if our life is going to be free from dramatic divine interruptions it is imperative that we stick with B.D.

Nothing is more important for the believer than the inhale of doctrine daily. Otherwise our life will be a series of dramatic interruptions. And if there is one thing that the believer minus doctrine is not prepared for it is sudden disaster. The only exception is undeserved suffering i.e., designed for blessing the mature believer. Now, the woman sees Samuel but Saul does not. The woman will describe what she sees and Saul will be able to

identify Samuel from her description. Now, remember it must be noted that communication with the dead is impossible. The souls and spirits of those who are dead cannot communicate with the living or return from the dead, 2Sa 12:23; Luk 16:27-31

The only exception is the one we are studying in 1Sa 28! This is what I call a pastor's dream to be able to come back from the dead and visit a backslidden.

1Sa 28:14 And he (Saul) said unto her, what form is he of?

What is his appearance?

And she said an old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle.

Notice she doesn't say it is God anymore, she says it is an old man. Why? because she has calmed down She is not hysterical and freaking out any more.

Saul has calmed her down by saying be not afraid and asking her questions.

And she said an old man cometh up and he is covered (wrapped) with a mantle (robe).

he is wrapped in a robe.

And Saul perceived that it was Samuel and he stooped with his face to the ground and bowed himself.

Saul finally recognizes the authority of Samuel. If he had recognized Samuel's authority in the past and listened to him teach the word, he wouldn't be on the road to death. He would have had a wonderful life. Free

from jealousy, vindictiveness and free from implacability.

Now, there is a principle here, for most of you that are here tonight, I am your right pastor-teacher. I am your authority in the teaching of the word of God.

1Co 16:15

1Co 16:16

2Co 10:8

1Th 5:12

1Th 5:13

Heb 13:7

Heb 13:17

It is an authority you must face daily. When I am here teaching you need to be here too. And you would avoid so much heartache and difficulty if you would only humble yourself and surrender. Do not think that you are any different than Saul without doctrine.

Saul had everything going for him and he lost it all and died because he failed to recognize the authority of B.D. and of his Bible teacher

1Ch 10:13-14

And, his failure not only hurt him but those whom he was associated with. It's all your choice. If you want to miss hundreds of hours of Bible teaching then you better be prepared for the consequences. Saul is your typical backslidden carnal believer, he is in a jam and all of the sudden he respects and needs his P-T.

And by the way, Samuel does not say, well, I'm so humble I will be available to you anytime.

Samuel actually complains, how dare you interrupt my peace and my vacation?! And you can just hear Saul saying I know you are busy but...

Now respecting authority does not mean you bow yourself to the ground, it means concentration on the teaching of the word of God.

Let's summarize:

- 1) Even in backsliding Saul recognizes the authority of the one who communicated doctrine in his lifetime.
- 2) the absence of doctrine in Saul's life has caused him to be humbled and prostrate himself on the ground.
- 3) The backslider seeks help from doctrine after many years of rejecting doctrine.
- 4) This means that it's possible for a believer to come to doctrine when it's too late.
- 5) Those who reject doctrine are always ready to inconvenience others to wave the magic wand for them.
- 6) This means that the backslider is hypersensitive but insensitive toward the feelings of others.
- 7) Those who reject doctrinal teaching usually expect the pastor to give them instant attention plus instant miracles.

8) However, the pastor's job is to teach those that are positive and not to counsel.

1Sa 28:15 And Samuel said to Saul

said kal impe *an* (that's all you had there) indicates that Samuel actually said a lot more to Saul.

Why hast thou disquieted me?

The word why *lammah* - a very strong pronoun/adverb interrogative. It's a very strong exclamation It is like saying, what int he world are you doing? Samuel was not filled with sweetness and brotherly love when he came into the room. He was not too happy about Saul disturbing him especially since the message that he is going to give has previously been given on another occasion.

Later we will see how Saul at one time grabbed Samuel's robe and held on to it and said, you can't leave me. And Samuel walked away leaving a ripped piece of robe in the hands of Saul. And then Samuel turned to Saul and said that's about as much of the kingdom that you have left. You see, Samuel has already taught Saul that he was going to lose the kingdom, 1Sa 13:14; 25:28.

But like so many in the congregation, they just don't believe it until it happens. So, Samuel says, why have you disquieted me?

disquieted - *hiplil* perfect - *ragaz* - to cause a disturbance.

1) Saul is a typical backslider.

he is totally thoughtless and self-centered. He demands the attention of others without consideration. He is very inconsiderate, unthoughtful and rude and like most backsliders he lacks good manners.

2) When the backslider's discipline becomes intensified he becomes very selfish and very unpleasant to be around.

3) The backslidden also lacks compassion and love for others. He does not share your enthusiasms, he has not capacity for love or friendship.

If you are a friend he is no longer a friend.

If you are in love with a backslider he or she has no capacity for love.

4) The backslider is also used by Satan to hinder the pastor from his academic responsibilities. The backslider demands counseling and attention. Because he is not interested in doctrine. This was his problem in the first place.

5) The only cure for the backslider is a three-fold cure:

a- 1Jo 1:9

b- metanoia, Rev 3:19

c- Eph 4:23

6) Therefore, repentance and change of mind includes

a- exposure on a consistent basis to doc

b- the setting aside of the details of life

c- the intensification and concentration toward a crash diet of

BD

1Sa 28:15

Remember, if Saul had listened to the Bible teacher, Samuel, he wouldn't be in the jam that he was in. It is important to listen to Bible teaching now, not in the future.

And Saul answered, I am sore distressed
I have great pressure, I have problems.

He is saying, I am under terrible pressure.

For the Philistines make war against me

Now, this is pressure that Saul personally manufactured. This is pressure that came from his poor attitude toward doctrine. Next, he concludes with what the real problem is.

And God is departed from me

departed kal perf sur - God has deserted me.

Saul is very blasphemous, the Lord hasn't deserted Saul, Saul has deserted the Lord. Saul is subtly saying, it's all God's fault.

And He answereth me no more

The Lord had stood at the door and knocked for a long time. Saul did not open the door to let in BD

Neither by prophets, nor by dreams

Now notice, the inconsistency and instability of Saul. Saul is contradicting himself. If God had deserted Saul and would not answer him by prophets

why is he expecting answers from Samuel who was a prophet. Saul is actually insinuating that God has let him down but Samuel will not.

Point - the backslider lacks logic, reason, and common sense. the backslider does not and can not think clearly.

Saul actually thought he could fool God and receive divine counsel from a witch and a dead prophet.

The inevitable result of the backslider is panic and no capacity for logical thinking.

Therefore I have called thee that though mayest make known unto me what I shall do

mayest make known hiphil infinitive of yada = to teach me

All of the sudden Saul wants teaching. Saul is saying, what shall I do? There is no way the backslider can cope with pressure. There is no way he can be happy. Saul has had 18 years of neg vol and it has all caught up to him.

1Sa 28:16 Then said Samuel

The word said again tells us the H.S. doesn't tell us all Samuel said
Wherefore then do you ask me

If the Lord has departed from you and I am with the Lord why ask me or why disturb me?

Princ - Sloppy thinking and poor manners are a part of NVTD

A person who is negative cannot stand anyone's authority but their own

So Saul says why do you ask me seeing the Lord is departed

departed cal per suwr = has departed

from thee and is become thine enemy

1) Saul's main problem is backsliding

Backsliding is not sinning. Living in sin is the result of backsliding but backsliding is NVTD. Back sliding is moving away from spiritual maturity instead of closing in on SM

2) Backsliding is no the same as carnality. Carnality is the bel out of fellowship. The carnal bel gets out of fellowship and rebounds but is pos tow doc whereas the backslider is neg tow doc as well as carnal.

3) The stages of Backsliding are:

a) Lack of interest toward doctrine

b) Reaction toward doctrine or the communicator

c) Mental attitude sins cause no Eph 5:18 so no Eph 4:23

Discouragement, boredom, self-pity, loneliness, frustration, fear, insecurity and the killer of all arrogance

4) Then there is the wild chase stage. This is when the bel discovers the thrill of the catch is the chase. They try to have some fun in life, or some

pleasure, searching for happiness everywhere. In this stage it depends what the trend of the OSN is at that time. If the OSN is leaning toward its strength then there is a trend toward asceticism. Legalistic victorious living, supernatural experiences, human good, joining the signs and wonders crowd. If the OSN is leaning toward its weakness then there is a trend toward drunkenness, fornication, partying, etc.

5) Another stage is the reap what you sow stage or the backfire stage. This is an intensification of the original reasons for backsliding.

For instance, the more that Saul chased David around and the more that David was kind and delivered him, the more intense became Saul's jealousy, vindictiveness, implacability.

Saul was obsessed with destroying David and operation boomerang made Saul miserable.

6) Another stage of backsliding is the emotional stage. This is when the emotional become the dictator or the ruler of the soul. The emotion is the feminine part of the soul the mentality is the masculine part. Emotions are designed to respond to one's thinking and not to revolt and call the shots.

You can have a great deal of doc but if you allow your emotions or your feelings to take over, doc becomes neutralized.

Again, I stress the importance of the free will in the AC

If there is no free will there is no God because there is no love, no justice, no +R, nor integrity

7) The 7th stage is the details of life stage, i.e., too busy for Bible teaching. In this stage of the bel allows the details of life or the cares of this world to

destroy his Pos Vol

This stage can be as subtle as apathy toward God, indifference toward God, personality hang ups with the Bible teacher, personality hang ups with the congregation.

Saul was not only antagonistic toward David he was antagonistic toward Samuel.

Saul failed to utilize rebound and grace and so could not handle prosperity.

8) Another stage of backsliding is the mataiotes stage. This is when the vacuum opens up and draws in God of demons The soul becomes filled with darkness and we develop hardness of the heart.

Point 4) Backsliding deals with divine discipline

Jam 5:9

1) First there is the warning stage, Jam 5:9; Rev 3:20
In this stage 1Jo 1:9 and Eph 4:23 can produce recovery

2) The intensive stage, Psa 38:1-4

Not only is the discipline intensified but this is the stage of strong delusion in 2Th 2:11, in their strong delusions, they believe lies.

This stage requires repentance i.e., change of mind

3) The sin unto death or the dying stage, Psa 118:17-18 1Jo 5:16

Backsliding is always the cause for the sin unto death, Jer 9:16; 44:12

Point 5) The principle of backsliding is found in Gal 5:4.

Inevitably all backsliding is the believer rejecting some principle of grace.
Gal 5:4

And that was said to those who were involved with legalism or a system of works as a means of spirituality, Saul drifted off course from grace. he didn't wake up on day looking for the witch of Endor, he drifted off course to the witch of Endor.

6) Backsliders reject the authority of the Bible teacher or communicator of doctrine. Moses was rejected, Exo 16:20 and Jeremiah was rejected, Jer 44:16. Paul was rejected, 2Co 6:11-12; and Samuel was rejected, 1Sa 8:7. In backsliding, the bel uses the MA sins and SOT to continued in his carnality. This results in contaminating others, Heb 12:15.

Saul was bitter toward David, no he is bitter toward life in general. Many thousands of men are going to be contaminated by Saul's backsliding.

7) The Biblical descriptions of backsliding are described as follows:

- 1) drifting off course from grace, Gal 5:4
- 2) Failing the grace of God, Heb 12:15
- 3) The uncircumsized heart, no doc in soul, Jer 9:25-26
- 4) A tortured soul, 2Pe 2:7-8
- 5) An unstable soul, 2Pe 2:14
- 6) Lukewarmness, Rev 3:15-16
- 7) An enemy of the cross, Phi 3:48
- 8) Leaving your first love, Rev 2:4
- 9) An enemy of God, Joh 4:4
- 10) A disciple of the devil, 1Jo 3:10

8) Recovery from backsliding is impossible apart from the daily intake of

doctrine, Heb 6:1-3; Rev 3:19-20

And these two passages point out Saul's problem, there is no one who can wave a magic wand and get Saul out of backsliding.

9) The categories of backsliding:

1) Sexual sins is the most common category for the backslider, 2Co 12:21; Eph 5:5; Eph 4:19; Col 3:5

2) Legalism or legalistic backsliding, Heb 5:11 thru Heb 6:16; Col 2:16-18.

3) Monetary backsliding, Jam 4:13-14; Jam 5:1-6; Gal 3:14-20; Ecc 5:10-16.

This is when the desire for money replaces the desire for doctrine.

4) Drug and or alcohol backsliding, Gal 5:20; Isa 28:1-9.

Here the norms and standards are rejected when the bel is influenced by drugs or alcohol.

5) Anti-establishment backsliding, Rom 1:18-32

6) Mental attitude backsliding, MA sins and mental illness. Jealousy leads to almost the point of insanity.

Back to our passage 1Sa 28:16

So far our verse says

Then Samuel said why then do you ask of me, since the Lord has departed

from you and is become thine enemy?

It is possible for the bel to become the enemy of God. There are at least 6 classifications of enemies in the Bible:

1) The carnal bel is said to be the enemy of God. And by the carnal bel I mean the one thinking hum viewpoint, Rom 8:7-8

2) The backslider is said to be the enemy of God and the cross, Phi 3:18

3) Loving the things of the world produces spiritual adultery and enmity with God, Jam 4:4; 1Jo 2:15-16

4) Demons are the enemies of God, 1Co 15:25; Heb 10:13

5) Unbelievers are the enemies of God, Rom 5:10; Col 1:21

6) The pastor who levels with the backslider is regarded as the backsliders enemy, Gal 4:16.

that also applies to Samuel as he leveled with Saul. As Samuel leveled with Saul, Saul regarded Samuel as his enemy. Now Saul is trying to gain his friendship.

Phi 3 is a N.T. commentary on this same principle. Phi 3:18

Walk pres/act/ind peripateo = refers to those various stages of backsliding.

Pres tense = a progressive present which indicates they walk in stages.

Backsliding and or apostasy is not something you get into all at once. It is a gradual process that comes as you neglect BD. OF whom ie., concerning whom, I have told you often, the apostle Paul warned them over and over again about backsliding. You = dative plural of advantage. And or but now

I tell you even weeping. Paul is weeping over the fact that many who are believers have fallen away That they are the enemies of the cross of Christ.
Phi 3:19

Just as King Saul died the sin unto death, so they die the sin unto death.
Whose God is their belly, koila - means emotions

And whose glory the things they consider glory is their shame or disgrace

Who ind earthly things i.e, who have a MA of hum viewpoint.

Now we have been studying in 1Sa 28:16

Saul, as a backslider, has become the enemy of God. There comes a time in the life of every bel when he will face, a crisis , a disaster, a set of adverse circumstances which demand something greater than what he has from human resources. And that something greater has to do with the fact that the adversity demand the utilization of BD in the soul. The thinking of divine viewpoint, claiming a promise, application a of doc to the situation. However this can only be accomplished as a result of a consistent daily intake of doc.

Then when the crisis arrives, doc in the soul allows the person to face adversity and glorify God. BD is no good to the bel in the Bible. The Bible is the permanent record of all doctrines which w need to adjust in time. Your spiritual benefit comes when BD is communicated to you when it is taught by those who have the gift of P-T. Every bel has one P-T and when the P-T communicates doctrine is in this manner that BD is stored int he hum spirit for the day of adversity, or the day of evil. In fact, cap for life develops from BD.

This means that when adversities come we are more than prepared for them. Now, Saul was not prepared for this disaster. He was not prepared because he was minus BD. He had every opportunity to listen to the teaching of the word of God and he rejected his own personal communicator who was Samuel. Now, when Samuel came back from the dead he talked about something that happened in the past. This was a major time that King Saul formerly rejected BD. Now, let's look at a flash back of king Saul's life. This is necessary for our understanding of verses 17 & 18.

1Sa 15:1 Samuel also said unto Saul

Now remember this time Samuel is in the flesh. Samuel was their high priest of his day he was also a prophet, or a communicator of the word. Thirdly, God appointed him as the last judge or ruler of the people. He lost his rulership by the people's choice, King Saul.

So Samuel said to Saul the Lord sent me to anoint thee to be king over His people over Israel, now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the Lord.

Once the people had elected king Saul, God gave them what they wanted. Saul to be king over Israel, so that they could be like other nations.

But, being the king of Israel isn't enough - he needs a tremendous amount of B.D. which he did not possess. Not being the king of Israel isn't enough, he needs a tremendous amount of B.D. which he did not possess. 1Sa 15:2

A military expedition is about to be commanded. So J.C. says as the commander of the armies, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way where he came up from Egypt

The Amalekites have become a great danger to the Jews. The omniscience of God knows it's time to completely wipe out and destroy the Amalekites. God is fair, just and perfect, He is all knowing and knows all the facts. 1Sa 15:3 Now go and smite Amalek and utterly destroy all that they have, and Spare them not: but slay (or kill) both man and woman, infant, and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

Now, can you imagine what the love and peace crowd would do with that today. The Amalekites were dangerous right down to the children. Even the infants were under degeneracy.

suckling = the babies on the breasts.

"Ox" sheep, camel, ass represent money and wealth as well as food and clothing. Even their money was to be destroyed.

Now why kill the infants and the babies on the breast? This is a legitimate question. Many people in the human race die before reaching the age of accountability. However, in Gods' wisdom He has established the fact that condemnation must precede salvation. You must be condemned before you can be saved. And, anyone who dies before reaching accountability is automatically saved. For instance, when they asked David about the baby who dies, why aren't you crying any more? And he said, "I shall go to him, but he will not come to me, 2Sa 12:23

Indicating the facet that the baby or the young child was in the presence of the Lord. And every now and then God saves a whole generation of people. In Ethiopia for example, we have seen thousands and thousands of young children and little infants dying of starvation. Now, they are all in heaven, indicting the probable fact that their parents are degenerate or superstitious. And yet, there will be a complete representation of that generation from Ethiopia in heaven forever. And who would ever think when God ordered

the execution of the Amalekite infants that it would be for their own benefit?!

If babies and young people die before they have a chance in life, justice and omniscience will prevail. This is the wisdom of God making it possible for these people to have eternal life.

1Sa 15:4 And Saul gathered the people together and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

1Sa 15:5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek and laid wait in the valley.

1Sa 15:6 And Saul said unto the Kenites, (these were the cousins to the Jews who lived with the Amalekites) go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites lest I destroy you with them, for you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt so the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

Separation meant preservation and this is a principle that is always true. Many of Saul's men will die in 1Sa 30 because of failure to separate.

1Sa 15:7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until you come to Shur, that is over against Egypt

1Sa 15:8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites (alive) and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

1Sa 15:9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of their fatling, and the lambs and all that was good, (valuable) and would not utterly destroy them but everything that was vile and refuse, that, they destroyed utterly.

1Sa 5:10 Then came the words of the Lord unto Samuel saying

(Samuel did not accompany Saul into battle)
it repenteth Me, (I have changed my mind) that I have set up Saul to be king for he is turned back from following Me.

he has turned back means he is a backslider

And has not performed My commandments and it grieved Samuel (Samuel was upset) and he cried unto their Lord all night.

Notice the nobility of Samuel, instead of rejoicing over the people's choice failing he weeps for Saul and for the breaking of God's plan.

1Sa 15:12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning it was told Samuel saying Saul came to Carmel s behold he set him up a place and is gone about and passed on and gone down to Gilgal (Saul was on his way to Gilgal with the spoil).

1Sa 15:13 (Samuel heads off Saul) And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him,

Here is Saul the backslider, you can't tell a backslider by his language. The backslider will be filled with PTL, alleluiah, etc

And Samuel came to Saul and Saul said to him, blessed be thou of the Lord

That's the same as saying today, praise the Lords brother

I have performed the commandment of the Lord
That is a lie, he is hiding the spoil at Carmel

1Sa 15:14 And Samuel said, what meaneth then this bleating of the sheep

in mine ears, and the lowing of the ox which I hear?

1Sa 15:15 And Saul said, they have brought them from the Amalekites. (he blames his people)
for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God

Saul already had an excuse in case he got caught. Saul is saying we want to sacrifice to the Lord.

And the rest we have utterly destroyed

1Sa 15:16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, stay, and I will tell thee what the Lord hath said to me this night.

Samuel is saying - don't move, I've got something to say to you - then you can leave.

And he (Saul) said to him, say on

1Sa 15:17 And Samuel said, when thou was little in thine own sight

when he was humble and grace oriented, when he was a man of grace and therefore true humility

was though not made their head of their tribes of Israel and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel?

1Sa 15:18 And the Lord sent thee on a journey, and said, go and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites and fight against them until they be consumed.

Degeneracy is a danger to the freedom of the people and therefore the Amalekites must be destroyed

1Sa 15:19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord

But didst fly upon the spoil and didst evil in the sight of the Lord?

1Sa 15:20 And Saul said to Samuel, yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lords

how denies Samuel's accusations

and I have gone the way which the Lord sent me and brought Agag the King of Amalek s have utterly destroyed the Amalekites

1Sa 15:21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep, and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal.

Saul is saying that they did it with a good purpose, they did it to sacrifice to the Lord. They were sincere, Saul is saying. Twice Saul has said it was for the Lord, we did these things. It's like saying I'm going out to rob a bank but give it in the offering.

1Sa 15:22 And Samuel said, hath the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord?

Now, here is Samuel's message to king Saul. Do you think that the Lords derives pleasure with burnt offerings and sacrifices? Here is a lesson that sincerity is not accepted by the Lord.

Samuel said, it's obeying the voice of the Lord.

obeying kal inf shama = to hear and concentrate

behold (or principle of doc) to obey is better than sacrifice

obey shama = to hear intelligently, to pay attention, to concentrate

and to hearken to prick up the ears to pay attention than the fat of rams

Now, this issue has come up with many people today. Is it better to go to a church where they have nice ritual and soft music or is it better to go to a church where many sacrificer and serve and love and do a lot of good things, or is it better to concentrate on doctrine?

Samuel is saying it's better to have doctrine in their soul than to run around sacrificing and serving. Saul and the people served God in their own way. They did a right thing in a wrong way and therefore God does not accept it. The people had a chance to get rich, take their goods of the Amalekites, and cheat a little but justify it by giving some to the Lord. There's a little lesson for business men and women. They tried to bribe God to keep something that God had said to destroy. What is more important? To have superficial ritual and programs or to hear doctrine? God is not interested in superficiality, He is only interested in the believer having BD in his soul. The superficiality of worship may say the right thing, they may say the Biblical thing but the only thing that really counts is how much doctrine you have your soul. It isn't what people say, it's what people have in their soul. This is something many have trouble with, it isn't the language. There are people around here whose language would shock you. And if you are shocked by the language of people or if you are impressed by their language of people then you are not a doctrinal believer and you are

missing the whole point. You are way off base.

Be careful that your vocabulary is not filled with superficial nonsense. It's what you have in your soul that becomes the real resource that counts. So in vs 2121 Samuel says to Saul behold to obey kal infinitive of shama. Sham refers to hearing doctrines and obeying them.

To obey is better than sacrifice

Hos 6:6

So it should read behold to hear and obey is better than to sacrifice.

In other words, the ritual, the serving, etc., is all meaningless doctrine in the soul is more important than any other facet of worship. Right now you are doing the thing that counts the most you are listening to the teaching of doctrine. You are like the squirrel gathering nuts and when winter comes you will have plenty to eat, you will be relaxed and happy.

Hearken (heed) hiphil inf qashab = causative active voice = to be caused to concentrate.

1Sa 15:23 for rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft

Moses said in Deu 9:23 that rebellion is not listening to the word of God.

Neh said in 9:17 rebellion is refusing to listen to doctrine

Isa said in 30:1 rebellion is refusing the counsel of the Lords and going to the world for help

In Isa 65:2 rebellious people are said to walk after their own thoughts, not Gods.

Eze said in chapters 2 through 5 that rebellious people refuse the man that God sends to be over them in the Lord.

Eze 12:2 they are rebellious people, they have eyes to see, and see not, they have ears to hear, and hear not, for they are rebellious.

It's interesting that when rebellion is mentioned it has to do with not hearing God's word.

So 1Sa 15:22 says Behold to hear is better than sacrifice and to concentrate than the fat of rams.

1Sa 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft

rebellion = neg vol tow doc

NVTD is like the sin of witchcraft

Now here, 15 years before King Saul looked for the witch of Endore he was taught by his teacher of doctrine that there are two things in life that are stupid:

1) rebellion (NVTD)

2) witchcraft

When you are neg tow the truth you will end up positive toward the lie/false doc.

Notice that Samuel has warned Saul about the stupidity of witchcraft. now you can understand why Samuel was so upset when his paradise vacation was interrupted by an ex-member of his congregation

and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry

stubbornness patsar = rejection of authority

Rebellion means rejection of doc

Stubbornness means rejection of auth

These analogies were used to try and shock king Saul and to teach him that nothing is worse than ignoring B.D.

All of Saul's problems came from rejection of B.D.

1Sa 15:23b because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord

rejected maas - kal perfect which means a complete blackout and a total rejection.

It could be antagonism or apathy but whatever type it is a complete and total rejection of doc

So it says, because you have despised the word of the Lord He has also rejected you from being King

rejected kal imperfect of maas = He will keep on rejecting you

Now verses 22 and 23 say in effect that Saul has rejected the word of and the one who communicates the word

he rejected the person and the message

Now remember, Saul in 1Sa 30 is now looking for help from the one whose authority he has rejected

There comes a time whenever a bel rejects the authority and the message that they will come a time when they will want the help of that one they

rejected

The communicator of do however can only help on a daily basis through teaching

he can not help anyone who is in a crisis minus doc in the soul

1Sa 15:24 And Saul said to Samuel I have sinned for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words.

Looks beautiful doesn't it! Looks like a perfect case of rebound.
15 years before 1Sa 30 this man knew all about rebound

For the moment this appears to be a correct case of rebound.
On the surface it is but as we will see underneath it is not

Now there were two parts in rebound in the O.T.
First, you confess the sin
Second, offer a rebound offering

And the rebound offering must line up with the confessed sin

today we don't have offerings we simply confess the sin and the offering has already been offered, Heb 10:10; Heb 10:14

This is why after we name the sin we don't have to feel sorry for it. We don't have to make up for it or do penance for it. That is pseudo or false rebound. Many have added to the offering of the body of J.C. by telling people they must feel sorry for what they have done. Or they must regret it, make vows, or do penance. that is pseudo rebound. how you feel about a

certain sin is inconsequential. You simply name the sin and you are forgiven. But if you add to it, it's pseudo rebound. Weeping, making vows, trying to make it up to God is blasphemous

There is no emotional activity involved at all in rebound.

Now Saul confessed his sin but we will see how he failed to offer up the correct sacrifice. Samuel has just told him that ritual is no good without B..D. in the soul and now we have a perfect demonstration of it.

Saul is about to go through a rebound ritual and he has no doc in the soul, and he picks the wrong offering.

Notice the insincerity and the blame game in Saul's confession because I feared the people, and obeyed (listened) to their voice.

Saul was pressured by public opinion in spearing Agag and the spoil.

If Saul had doctrine in his soul public opinion wouldn't bother him. It is the bel minus doc who is swayed by public opinion. If Saul had learned about the siege of Jericho, and the battle of Ai and Achans rebellion, he would have known the consequences. But instead Saul tries to rationalize away his sin by the use of erroneous nomenclature, vs 25.

pardon nasa = to lift up

and the next word is not sin but chatath = a sin offering

Saul is saying, please lift up or offer my sin offering. He is asking Samuel to offer up his sin offering. The sin offering is Lev 4 (unknown)... the

trespass offering is Lev 5 (known). he should have demanded a trespass offering. If he had Samuel offer a trespass offering it would have been a true rebound. The trespass offering is for a known sin He knew what he was doing and what he did. He knew his sin and now he lied. He is saying - I didn't know it was sin. He is asking for the unknown sin offering. He should have admitted the fact that he had sinned and offered a trespass offering.

Now the passage is a perfect illustration of the importance of studying the original language

Saul doesn't even have enough doc to know how to rebound properly. He is guilty of pseudo rebound and he will not even admit that he knew what he was doing. Saul would have been forgiven if he merely said please lift up my trespass offering. The backslider and the bel with NVTD distorts rebound. He want to feel sorry for sin, weep and cry, do penance, make vows and make it up to God.

Rebound must always be according to grace. Grace means we can do nothing, we name the sin, God does the forging, Christ did the work. Saul's sincerity is not accepted by the Lord. And when he said offer a sin offering instead of a trespass offering, it was a right thing done in the wrong way He used the wrong nomenclature and nomenclature is not a matter of semantics. Nomenclature in the Bible is vital. It's the difference between asking J.C. into your heart (inhale) and believing on Him (exhale)

And when Saul said sin offering instead of trespass offering he used the wrong nomenclature and therefore he was rejected.

It is not a matter of semantics it is a matter of true doc vs false doc

No one is ever forgiven because of crying, feeling sorry, sincerity or

penance. The Lord had a particular offering for every aspect of His work on the cross. Understanding these offerings will cause appreciation for the work of our Lord J.C. on the cross. And it will also enhance our ability to give thanks at the communion table.

First of all there was the burnt offering in Lev 1, the burnt offering was a picture of propitiation emphasizing the work of Christ on the cross.

When J.C. hung on the cross this first Levitical offering the burnt offering pointed to propitiation. Propitiation means that J.C. satisfied the +R and +J of the Father and therefore the holiness of God. So the burnt offering was the offering that demonstrated propitiation emphasizing the work of Christ. Secondly, in Lev 2, we have the food or the meal offering which emphasized the person of Christ. The Hypostatic union, the unique person of the universe.

In Lev 3, we have the third offering i.e., the peace offering. The peace offering demonstrated the doc of reconciliation and the removal of all the barriers between God and man.

Lev 4, there always the sin offering, called chatath and it was for unknown sins only. It was offered once a month or when unknown sins were pointed out. Obviously you can't know unknown sins unless it's brought to your attention. When our Lord died on the cross He died for known and unknown sins.

Lev 5 we have the trespass offering, i.e., the rebound offering into the field of known sins. 1Jo 1:9

So Saul says in 1Sa 15:25 now therefore, I pray thee pardon my sin, and turn again with me

Saul is saying return again with me

That I may worship the Lord

however, Saul is more interested being vindicated with people than to have fellowship with the Lord. He would rather offer a sin offering that a trespass offering for the sake of acceptance with people. Some believers are more interested in being justified before people than justified before the Lord. Jon 12:43

1Sa 15:26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee, for (or because) though has rejected the word of the Lord

hast rejected kal perf maas = means in the perf tense that you have been rejecting it for a long time.

Saul tried to deceive Samuel and the people. He tried to use the Lord and the Levitical offerings to look better. Occasionally you run into believers how will quote scripture at you trying to justify their position about something. This is distortion of the scripture. Satan does the same thing. Satan quoted scripture in Luk 4:10 to try and trap Jesus Christ. Now because of Saul rejecting doctrine, notice the next part of the vs, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel

1Sa 15:27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he (Saul) laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle and it rent (ripped).

1Sa 15:28 this is the vs that is quoted in our passage 1Sa 28:17

1Sa 15:28 And Samuel said unto him, the Lord hath rent

hath rent kal perf qara = has torn

the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and has given it to a neighbor of thine, that is better than thou

1Sa 15:29 And also the strength of Israel (God Himself) will not lie nor repent (change His mind) for He is not a man, that he should repent.

And you can see Samuel's sarcasm in his answer to Saul. Samuel uses strength of Israel and a man should repent.

And notice verses 30 and 31 it reveals where both men are at, Saul is concerned with what people think, Samuel honors the principle of authority

Now let's go forward 15 years later to 1Sa 28 with a sanctified holy "I told you so"

1Sa 28:16 then said Samuel

remember, Samuel has come back from the dead

Wherefore then do you ask of me seeing the Lord is departed from you, and has become your enemy?

1Sa 28:17 And the Lord hath done (to him literally for himself) as He spake by me - or didn't I tell you so?

For the Lord hath rent the kingdom out of thine had and given it to thy neighbor to David.

Now God gave Saul 15 years to repent and change his mind but he refused to do so

And so Samuel repeated the same message he had given 15 years ago to King Saul

In 1Sa 27:18, Samuel gives the main reason why Saul as a born again believer failed

The reason for his discipline, failure and all the misery hat he has, in his life, at this moment is because of NVTD

1Sa 27:18 Because thou obeyest not the voice of the Lord, nor execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek therefore hath the Lord done this thing unto thee this day

Basically this verse indicates the fact that there is a reason why God has set Saul aside

This verse is saying that God is fair, it is impossible for God to make a mistake or to be unfair

Always remember this when you receive things from God and you do not believe you are being treated fairly

God always walks that extra mile and is patient and longsuffering

But in His righteousness and in His justice He must discipline when necessary

So vs 18 says because thou obeys not (literally as you did not listen)

The word obey not, kal imperfect of shama
kal stem means listening rather than obeying
The perfect tense means the books are closed now on Saul

This is the story of his life as a believer, he did not listen

Pro 5:13

NVTD is the cause of most our problems.

NVTD the word is the worst thing that can happen to any believer

As believers we have everything going for us, the potential is fantastic.

We are here to reach SM

we are here to receive BD, develop a cap, rec'v divine blessings, glorify
God

The privileges and opportunities are fantastic. Once we develop a capacity
or what the scriptures call a cup, God is the host we are the guests and so
God does the pouring

God pours His own happiness and prosperity, promotion, wealth, and
success. And the only thing that hinders us is the same tragic flaw that
hindered Saul, NVTD

Now, since this is an important principle let's review that particular doc

DOCTRINE OF NEGATIVE VOLITION TOWARD DOCTRINE

This is basically a concept which comes from the Scripture and the tragic flaw of every bel who dies the sin unto death. Remember, there are basically three ways you can die:

1) Under dying grace, the way of fantastic blessing. All of the time you're dying it is fantastic blessing even greater than the blessings of life.

2) Sin unto death, always a very painful and horrible death

3) Then there is suicide, but NVTD is our subject.

Definition: NVTD: is first of all refusal of B.D.
and it's divided into two categories

1) Primary NV = refusal to assemble for Bible teaching. This is when the bel rejects the pastor God has placed over them, Heb 13:17; 1Co 16:16; 1Th 5:12

and the bel also rejects his authority

2) The second category of NV is refusal to transfer doc from the mind to the heart, i.e., no spir metabolism

This is basically rejection of the message

The communicator of doc is divided into two parts

1) He is a person with authority i.e., the gift of PT

2) And he has a message

In NV the authority of the person is rejected or the message or both

Pro 5:11-13; 2Ti 4:4

3) Neg Vol is also refusing to rebound/repent

Because of this the believer is not filled with the Spirit so there is no doctrine metabolized

The results are no divine viewpoint, no divine frame of reference, no divine norms and standards

4) Under NVTD we also have the refusal to enter into God's rest by faith, Heb 3:18; Heb 4:2

This is when the bel fails to appropriate promises. He fails to utilize the doc which he has already learn

5) The fourth part of refusal to be consistent, Joh 8:31-32

Here is the person who takes in doc only when he is under pressure. This person exposes himself to doctrine only when he wants something from God. Or, only when he is in a jam. There are always certain groups of people who show up here only when they are in trouble.

God is like a magic genie or a rabbit's foot to them.

They only come when they want to use God. That is what Saul did.

6) The 6th part of NV is what is known as Negative vulnerability. This is the believer who hears doc but reacts to boredom, disillusion, discouragement, self-pity, jealousy, frustration, and they become obsessed with themselves.

Saul is a perfect illustration of this when he became jealous.

7) The 7th part of NV is emotionalism, Phi 3:18-19; 2Co 6:11-12

Emotion becomes the ruler of the soul, he feels his way through life.
he becomes a slave to his feelings.

If he feels good everything is alright

If he feels bad there is something wrong

He is therefore a slave to his health and to his emotion and to stimuli

So Samuel says to Saul, 1Sa 28:18, because you did not listen

obeyest not means have not listened
to the voice of the Lord

The voice of the Lord refers to B.D. as taught by the communicator
Samuel. It also refers to the O.T. Doc pertaining to the Lord.

nor execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek

execute kal perf of asah = to manufacture something out of something

Out of BD in his soul he should have manufactured the will of God for his
life

The will of God is always manufactured on the basis of doc in the soul
Since there was no doc resident in his soul there is obviously no
manufacturing of the will of God

And you did not execute his fierce wrath upon Amalek

fierce wrath is an anthropopathism - God does not get angry or emotional. God is not angry. But in order to explain divine policy in terms of human understanding and in language of accommodation human activities are used. So let's stop and review for a moment the subject of anthropopathisms.

1) Many times the Bible says that God is angry or that God repents or that God hates Well, God does not repent, does not get angry and does not hate God is perfect

These are merely expressions of human activity to explain divine policy in language of human accommodation

2) An anthropopathism ascribes to God human feelings, passions, and thoughts in terms of man's feelings, passions, and thoughts. It is an attempt to bring the infinite down to the understanding of the finite mind.

Anthropopathisms are designed to express divine policy in human language of accommodation. Therefore under language of accommodation God expresses His attitude toward mankind in man's vocabulary and in man's frame of reference.

3) For instance, God does not have anger, he has perfect composure because of omniscience. Now if you do not know or understand the character of God, you will never understand an anthropopathism.

4) God does not change His mind, immutability cannot change.

5) God does not hate, God is perfect love.

6) Some of the anthropopathisms are as follows

1) Repentance - God is said to change His mind, or repent in Gen 6:6; 1Sa 15:11; Exo 32:14; Jud 2:18; Psa 90:13.

God is not changing His mind, He is just changing His policy or switching His policy into another realm.

2) Divine hatred is expressed as an anthropopathism, Psa 5:4-5; Rom 9:13.

Now God doesn't hate anyone. To ascribe to God hatred is simply used in human terms so that man can identify with the Scripture on his own level. Generally, hatred is used to express divine rejection or a less than fervent love.

3) Anger is another anthropopathism as in Rom 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness

We are going to see a passage where divine anger is going to be expressed toward the Jewish army. But remember, Jesus Christ controls history. Nothing can happen without Him knowing about it.

4) Another divine anthropopathism is scorn, Pro 1:26; Psa 2:4; Psa 37:13

this is an anthropopathism that expresses the wisdom of God, scorning those who reject doc as in Pro 1:25.

The divine sense of humor is said to laugh and scorn at the attempts of men who try and gain power as in Psa 2:4

5) Compassion is another human concept described as anthropopathic for God, Exo 3:7; Deu 30:3; Psa 119:71-75; Lam 3:33; 2Co 4:17; Col 1:24; 2Ti 1:8

Compassion is a human characteristic but when ascribed to God it simply expresses the wonderful attitude God has toward us.

6) Longsuffering is an anthropathism which helps us to understand why God doesn't zap us or strike us with lightning, Exo 34:6; Num 14:18; Psa 86:15; 2Pe 3:9

7) Grieving the Spirit, Eph 4:30

8) Jealousy, Exo 20:5; 1Co 10:22

9) Displeasure, Num 11:1; Mar 10:14

10) Vengeance, Rom 12:19; Heb 10:30

11) Sympathy, Psa 78:39; Psa 103-13

These are all anthropathisms

So in 1Sa 28:18, because you did not listen to the voice of the Lord and did not execute His fierce wrath of the heat of His anger upon Amalek therefore has the Lord does this thing unto thee this day

notice it is the Lord that has put Saul in this situation.

God out of His justice and righteousness has manufactured a very definite and stiff penalty for Saul.

1Sa 28:19 more over the Lord will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines

This is the sin unto death being administered to Saul and his army
Others are going to suffer because of their relationship to him. And
tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with Me.

Now, remember that Samuel is a bel and is in heaven today and so is Saul

The Lord also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the
Philistines. All of Saul's sons including Jonathan will die with their father.
The defeat suffered by Israel indicates the national rejection of B.D.

1Sa 28 We have come to the reaction of King Saul

1Sa 28:20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth

when he heard how he was going to die all 7 feet of him fell straight down
straightway means Saul immediately fainted

There was no doc in his soul and therefore no means to cope with disaster

Only doc could have prepared Saul for death and only doc can prepare any
of us

So, minus doc Saul is unprepared and the shock causes him to faint. The
self-centeredness of Saul immediately surfaced and he faints from shock

Saul could have saved himself all of this trouble if he had exposed himself
to the teaching of Samuel

Now the rest of this verse is devoted to explaining two reasons why Saul

fainted

The first of these is a soulish reason he was not prepared for disaster in his soul. In his soul his s.c. magnified and dramatized the situation to the point where he was terrified

The MAS of fear is what controls the self-consciousness. It has been proven that fear draws energy from the body.

His free will can not choose to over come the fear because his free will has no promises to choose

his emotions are freaking out and controlling him and therefore causing him great discomfort

And so vs 20 say and he was sore afraid

meodh - jare - extremely frightened

because of the words of Samuel

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This indicates his backslidden tragic condition.

words frighten him

Saul cannot face the problems of life. He is very self-centered and selfish. Words or doctrines are designed for blessings but they act as a curse for the backslider

The person who rejects doctrine or neglects doc will find that doc is the basis for this misery in discipline. Doc is either a blessing or a cursing. if it is in your soul it is a blessing, if not it's a cursing.

So, the first reason for Saul's failure was failure in the soul. the second reason was a physical reason. Being very self-centered and selfish he was upset and couldn't eat properly. And there was no strength in him Loss of physical strength many times illustrates the spiritual condition. for (because) he had eaten no bread (food) all the day, nor all the night

He has gone 24 hours without food

This phrase really dramatizes Saul's condition at this time. His neglect for physical food for 24 hours has caused him to be weak

So when he was shocked in his soul his body immediately responded to his soul and fainted

Remember, that your body responds to your soul.

Summary:

1) In 1Sa 9:2 Saul is described as a very handsome man, in fact the most handsome man in Israel. he was also the tallest man in Israel.

2) It is very difficult to think of this tall, handsome man as a great man since he is filled with MAS.

3) Backsliding has changed this man completely it has changed him physically, mentally and spiritually.

A bel minus doc in a backslidden condition will look old before his time, have a soul that is warped and is filled with misery and disappointment. All because B.D. is your only hope and the only answer.

His gigantic physical, handsome face, and his great personality are all fault and out on the ground No matter how nice your mirror tells you are, how attractive or how nice you appear, none of these things matter when the chips are down. The body of Saul was big and strong but it has fainted.

The face of Saul was more handsome than any face but it's no good to him. Human ability and human strength, human personality will not sustain you in time of pressure. Saul is now an object of pity. he is a person totally selfish. He is entrenched in the narcissus complex.

Narcissus in Greek mythology was a youth who fell in love with his own image in the water and longed for himself so much he died of heartache.

Narcissism is therefore an excessive admiration for self or fascination with oneself. It is called the infantile stage of development in which the self is the object of one's major interest. Self-centered people become totally selfish. They are also very careless toward others. They are very insensitive

about the feelings of others and hyper sensitive about the feelings of self. They lose their manners and thoughtfulness. Everything therefore centers on how important you think you are. The inevitable result is jealousy.

Divine discipline for backsliding always brings the backslider to the place of total helplessness. Legalism, self-righteousness, hypocrisy, the PTL syndrome always falls down flat on its face just like Saul.

Now, when a believer is brought to a place of total helplessness it makes him a candidate for one of two things:

- 1) God's grace
- 2) God's discipline

Now, God the H.S. brings out in vs 20 the 2 reasons why Saul has fainted. His soul fainted because it was minus doctrine and his body fainted because it was minus physical food. When a person goes without food he gets weary and faint. Saul's body was strong but it has to have food everyday! The same principle is true in the spiritual realm. You must have food every day or else you will faint in your soul.

The Psalmist speaks in Psa 61:8 of daily performing our vows

have you ever considered your daily duty? Turn to Pro 24

In Exo 16:4, gathered manna daily

Neh 8:18, they read the word daily

Psa 88:9, the importance of praying daily

Psa 61:8, daily perform your vows

Pro 8:34, watching daily and waiting on God

Luk 9:23, take up this cross daily

Heb 3:13, exhort one another daily
Mat 26:55, Jesus taught daily in the temple
Act 2:46, they continued daily...
Acts 5:42, they taught doctrine daily
Act 17:11 they searched the scriptures daily

You say times have changed. I say people have changed.

So you must have spiritual food every day or else the soul will grow faint.

Heb 12:3
Isa 1:5
Pro 24:10
1Sa 28:20

It was lack of spiritual food in the soul that started the shock which caused Saul to faint

So the body fainted for lack of physical food and lack of spiritual food

Physical food provides energy for the body and the soul. This brings us now to another person who is present when he faints. Our old friend the witch of Endor. This is the case of the witch turned woman. This woman is no longer demon possessed. We are not really sure whether or not she ever Act 16:31. We have already seen that this woman was a beautiful woman She was attractive and also very sensitive.

In fact, it was her sensitivity which went overboard in the emotions of her soul.

1Sa 28:21 and the woman came unto Saul

She is now called ha ishshah

She was not called this before. This is our first clue that she is no longer demon possessed. She used to be called a female or the mistress of a demon, i.e., a witch. But now she is called ishshah. Ladies, the goal of your life should be to be recognized as Ishah

She used to be called eshleth obh, mistress of a demon now she is Ishah

She is ishshah instead of esheth because obh is now missing

1Sa 28:21 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled

She is a woman who is filled with compassion. Womanly compassion, tenderness, sensitivity, is very difficult to find

sore troubled meodh bahal - extremely agitated

Saul now understands that he is under the sin unto death.

Saul is very agitated and has a storm in his soul. He is suffering from a case of the hardness of the heart So she said to him, behold thine handmaid

handmaid shipchah - your female slave.

has obeyed thy voice

Here is a woman being compassionate toward a man who has been totally

forsaken... yeah right he is the one who has forsaken that includes the fact that he forsook his own integrity.

(she is just sucking up)

and I have put

put sum = to risk I have risked my life in my hand and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me (yeah, for money no doubt, and a good price!!)

Now here is a woman who is compassionate, she wants to help Saul (Hmmm, she needs a new place to hang, a new atmosphere since she is demon-free)

There is nothing greater and nobler than a compassionate woman. (Chill on her virtues, how many could she have developed in a day???)

When you find a compassionate woman yo are in the presence of one with great beauty. (What about if she is doing it for her own gain?)

Women are either carried away with their own beauty or their own selfish objectives of self importance. Or, they are running around trying to find some satisfaction for their frustrations in life. Many have the body of a woman and the soul of a child. Many go from the shelter of a home to the shelter of another home never cultivated any personal responsibility. Their only hope is B.D.

This doesn't apply just to women of course.. There are many young men who go from their mother to a wife/mother and have exactly the same problem. They are selfish, self-centered, and they want to use others. They have the body of a man and the soul of a boy. There are those who are 35

going on 15 and those who are 15 going on 35

1Sa 28:22 Now therefore I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid

hearken kal imp of shama = she is saying please listen to me

There comes a time when a man should listen to a woman

She kept on saying will you please listen to me? She is actually being very thoughtful and polite because of her compassion to help.

Obviously in his agitation Saul has trouble concentrating.

One of the things that characterizes agitation, fear and shock is inability to concentrate. So the woman says in vs 22 Now therefore, I pray thee or please listen to the voice of your female slave.

Saul is probably wimping out, whining, moaning and groaning and making a lot of noise on the floor. Your typical self-centered, selfish, self-righteous, mixed up confused, egotistical type of person. Backsliding destroys the ability to concentrate, the capacity for life, and the enthusiasm for life.

So the woman is about to do something she is good at, she is going to offer to prepare Saul a meal.

and let me set a morsel of bread

morsel of bread path lecham = a little bit of food

The woman is very compassionate and sensitive and wise (just a little bit)

She is trying to approach this very wisely. Actually she is going to bring out a tremendous steak dinner. She realizes in shock that he is not really hungry but that he does need food so she is very sly in her approach

SO she says let me set a little bit of food and eat

eat however is a kal imperative

the man is weak, the woman is strong and now she gives a command, you eat, eat she says, I said EAT DEAR!

So she now gives a command. The stronger she gets the more demanding she becomes. Here it is because she is compassionate but it isn't always that way. Now, this is vital men, take it down - the weaker the man the stronger the woman. Here the stronger her compassion the stronger she becomes. And she starts out with if you please but she ends up with a command to eat.

And you need to take a good look at yourself when women start to order you around men. Show me a woman who is like Sergeant Carter and I'll show you a man who is like Gomer Pyle. Weak!

When a woman starts ordering a man around he has had it. Somewhere along the line he has shown himself weak. He has become a football for the woman.

now this woman has gained great momentum, she is now giving orders. It's like a politician. Speak softly, get elected, then order everyone around.

So she says in vs 22, please listen to your female slave and let me set a little food before you and eat.

Saul is in one of the worst situations a man can be in, he has a woman feeling sorry for him. He has lost his manhood. It's natural for the mother instinct in a woman to feel sorry for a boy. And what does a mother like to do for her child? Cook. The woman offered to cook. She didn't offer herself, she offered to cook. The mother instinct came out. (Hey, I thought you called in compassion!)

It wasn't a man in front of her, it was a poor little boy that needed caressing.

So she says Eat that thou mayest have strength when thou goest on thy way

Saul should have applied this to the spiritual realm, Mat 4:4

He should have been SSS instead of an object of pity

He has lost his manhood because he has become so weak. And when a woman starts using imperatives and starts commanding, usually it's because the man is no longer a man. He is an anthropos, not an aner.

1Sa 28:23 but he refused

refused piel imperf of maan = he kept on refusing

piel stem is the intensity of his refusal

he kept on refusing... why? Hardness of the heart is manifested by rebellion and Stubbornness. Saul has been known to refuse. He constantly refused B.D. and God's grace. And now he is selfish, self-centered, and implacable.

but he refused and said I will not eat

said kal imper = he kept on saying no, no, no I will not eat

when a male has to keep saying something over and over again he has lost it!

but his servants

these are the two soldiers from verse 8 who risked their lives to protect him

together with the woman compelled him

compelled paratz - they kept on urging him

Now here is a selfish man getting his kicks. He is actually at this point enjoying three people begging and sucking up to him to do something he loves to do! He likes the sound of all of this pity and attention. Do you know that there are people who feed on pity?

Now after a little persuasion Saul gives in

and he hearkened (listened) unto their voices

and please notice next, so he arose from the earth

all this time he had been lying on the ground, he finally gets up

and sat upon the bed (mittah)

He's getting all the sympathy and attention he wants i.e., about the worst thing that can happen when a man is down

You ladies I'm sure are familiar with men who will do anything for sympathy

Did you ever have to baby-sit a sick man?

Moan and groan, moan and groan etc. hid the head under the pillow

Notice our next verse, we dedicate it to all the KJ lovers

1Sa 28:24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house

She didn't have a fat calf in the house, she had a fat head in the house but not a fat calf

She had a fattened calf not in the house but in the stall

And obviously she is going to cook up some veal for Saul

And she hastened (hurried) and killed it (she slaughtered it) (YUK!)

Now, if God the H.S. put this in the Bible there must be a reason

This is really Saul's last supper. He is receiving food in the stomach but tomorrow it will be arrows in the stomach

It is kind of fitting that an unbel, who was a former demon possessed person. Should have the honor of giving Saul his last meal

She took (seized, grab) and kneaded and did bake unleavened bread

Now why did God the H.S. choose to record this?

The woman cooked a calf and unleavened bread

This was a reminder of something very important to Saul, something he had long forgotten

The calf is the most expensive of all the sacrifices

unleavened bread is a reminder of who and what Christ is in His humanity

the calf represented the sacrifice of Christ for us, the unleavened bread speaks of fellowship with God on the basis of our Lord's sacrifice.

The ingredients of the meal all picture God's grace.

Everything is present to remind him of grace, but, he ignores grace and goes on his way to his doom. All of the things that he has neglected he is reminded of by this woman.

1Sa 28:15 She brought it before Saul and before his servants and they did eat then they rose up and went away that night (Chew and screw)

B.D. is our light. We are in total darkness all of the time in the devil's world without BD

Saul is a bel going into the night. He is going not the most awful darkness that a bel can go into. We are going to study the night into which he went.

The tragedy of being a selfish, implacable, self-centered, evil person. It all started with jealousy toward David and led to implacability and vindictiveness. As these things built up the hatred for David became an obsession. So the only solution Saul sought was to kill David. Get rid of David destroy him, hurt him. Then everything boomeranged. He treated David rotten while David treated him in grace. Now, we have jealousy plus frustration, MAS, and frustration, self induced misery. Then emotional revolt, NVTD, and mataiotes, hardness etc.

And now he goes out into the night, the night of confusion and despair and selfishness

David was unapologetically human. David worshiped God with every fiber of his being, he was bursting with life and vitality. He loved God and he loved people. he openly admitted his faults. When tragedy occurred, and it looked as if David and his men would never see their loved ones again, David did not plaster on a saccharine smile and lead his men in a rousing chorus of "People Need the Lord." Instead, he wept until he could weep no more, and then he "strengthened himself in the Lord." David danced; he cried; he made mistakes, he had trouble with his kids; he expressed his pain, his fear, his confusion, and anger with raw honesty to God.

And what is God's verdict on such a passionate expression of humanity? God like it! God did not say, "David, could you just tone it down a bit? Your dancing might be a real stumbling block to your followers. Couldn't you be a little less exuberant and act more *religious*?" Instead, the Lord said in effect, "Now there's a man after my own heart."

David's faith in God was deep and sparkling, his reverence for the truth of God's laws, profound. Yet he was also deeply flawed. His sins were usually as visible as his gifts. Sometimes he was consumed by ambition and revenge. On one occasion, he committed a murder that was a deliberate

and determined evil. He was capable of most sins and culpable of many. He gave in to sudden and dangerous passion, and he always suffered the consequences. But we never see him trying to be more or less a human being before God. He pulled no punches about life's difficulties. He wrestled with fear and hope, confusion and faith, horror at his own sin, as we see in the Psalms. But he always faced his sin, repented from the heart, and came back to the God he served and loved with all his soul. He did all this openly before God. Indeed, David was open and human as few leaders in history have ever been.

Like many of us David was wounded emotionally. His childhood wasn't easy. He was left alone a great deal as a child, and sometimes his family did not treat him lovingly. When he was insulted, he overreacted. That makes us wonder if the insult turned a knife in a deep wound. The benefit of David's pain was that the world never satisfied his needs. But God did. God saw that lonely, love-starved shepherd boy with the poetic imagination and set out to shape him into the man He envisioned David to be.

It was hard work because the future king was both wounded and sinful. But David's heart responded to God's love with deep fervor. He loved God above all else. That is why David's story speaks to us. It invites all of us, the wounded, broken, and suffering sinners to listen to his story, to discover fresh hope. God never gave up on David and He never gives up on us either.