

## **"THE TENDENCY FOR HURT PEOPLE, TO HURT PEOPLE"**

**I Samuel 24:1-22**

### **I. INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Revenge, the timeless temptation from Satan's toolbox:
- B. New Testament precepts on "getting even": (*Rom. 12:17-19, 21*)
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
- C. The process of revenge:
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- D. David's vulnerability:
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

### **II. HOW DAVID CHOOSES TO ADDRESS THIS DISTRUCTIVE TEMPTATION:**

- A. Choosing to say "no" to the temptation: **vv. 1-8**
  - 1. The depth of the injured party: (*1 Sam. 20:33; 23:14, 28; 24:1-2*)
  - 2. The vulnerability of the hurting party: v. 3
  - 3. The never-ending struggle with depravity for:
    - a.
    - b.
- B. Drawing on his already forged character: **vv. 9-21**
  - 1.
  - 2.
- C. Exercising wise precautions: **v. 22**
  - 1.
  - 2.

### **III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:**

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.

#### **SINNERS PRAYER**

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breathe my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.