

The Faith of Rock-Climbing Legend Dan Osman

Dan Osman’s fateful day, November 23, 1998. [900 feet of dynamic rope]

Lean on God for Protection

Saul’s protection, David’s exposure

Trusting in God’s provision – a recurring theme

169 verses about God providing for his people

God is concerned with and provides for every part of us – body, soul, spirit

Psalm 84:11 “No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.”

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

What’s incredible is that David trusts in God’s provision while he is persecuted and suffering!

Leave Vengeance to God

Saul’s spear

1 Sam 18:10-11 “Saul had his spear in his hand. And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, ‘I will pin David to the wall.’”

1 Sam 26:8 “Now let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear.” - Abishai

1 Sam 26:22 “And David answered and said, “Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it.”

Saul’s fate

Vs. 10 As the Lord lives, the Lord will strike him, or his day will come to die, or he will go down into battle or perish.

Christ’s example

Freedom from bitterness

Live for God’s Reward

Abner’s failure vs. David’s faithfulness

Vs. 16 As the Lord lives, you deserve to die, because you have not kept watch over your lord, the LORD’s anointed.

God’s reward

Vs. 23 The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today.

The extreme temptation of David

*Do you believe that what God is going to give you is better than what you can get yourself?
Are you tempted to take shortcuts? To take your own way to where you’re going instead of God’s way?*

What rope are you hanging on to?

Questions for Study and Reflection

1. Why is faith more than just believing something is true?
2. What are the ways in this passage that David shows his faith is totally in God?
3. Do you struggle with bitterness and vengeance? How is this passage a help?
4. Is your faith solely in God? Where else are you tempted to place your faith?