

# 1 Samuel 26

Jesus

## I. Saul Rises Again

1 Now the **Ziphites came to Saul** at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding in the **hill of Hachilah**, opposite Jeshimon?"

- **Ziphites:** Tell on David. In Hill of Hachilah lit. Dark. *Good hiding place*
  1. **Heb.** Rat finks. Stool pigeons. Snitches. Narcs C.f. 1 Sam 24:19/Psalm 54
  2. **Ziphites:** Those who seek self-gain at the expense of others. Bootlickers

2 Then **Saul arose** and went down to the Wilderness of Ziph, having **three thousand** chosen men of Israel with him to seek David in the Wilderness of Ziph.

Saul arose to find David/Kill him?  
What happened to his repentance from Ch. 24?

**2 Corinthians 7:10** ...godly sorrow produces **repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted**; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

Godly repentance sticks  
Saul was not sorry for his offence but sorry he was caught

3 And **Saul encamped** in the hill of Hachilah, which is opposite Jeshimon, by the road. But **David stayed** in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. 4 **David therefore sent out spies**, and understood that **Saul had indeed come**.

David sent spies from Ziph: Saul is definitely coming

- **Ziph:** rt. Pitch/Tar/Asphalt

The place David was stuck before being refreshed by Jonathan  
David won't stay stuck this time...Time to move

5 So **David arose** and came to the place where Saul had encamped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army. Now Saul lay within the camp, with the people encamped all around him.

David now on the offensive  
King Saul/Abner lying in the middle of 3000 men

- **Abner:**
  1. King Saul's right-hand man
  2. Defects to David in 2 Sam 3

### 3. Introduced at **Goliath incident...**

**1 Samuel 17:55** When Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, **I do not know.**"

**1 Samuel 17:48** ... when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David **hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.**

As when Goliath came forth...David went forward!  
David changes his M.O. to actively seek Saul out!

- **Set up:** Saul/Abner lying in the middle of circle of 3000 soldiers

## II. David Spares Saul Again

6 Then David answered, and said to **Ahimelech** the Hittite and to **Abishai** the son of Zeruiah, brother of Joab, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul in the camp?" And Abishai said, "**I will go down with you.**"

Walking circumspect...David assesses the enemy  
We know the devil studies our weak points... We better know his

**2 Corinthians 2:11** lest Satan take advantage of us...we are **not ignorant** of his **devices.**

**2 Timothy 2:5** ...if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he **competes according to the rules.**

Even though Satan and his willing vessels don't play by the rules...  
Those led by the Spirit of Truth must still play by the rules

- Integrity/Faith/Love/Righteousness/Courage/Humility, Self-discipline...

**1 Corinthians 9:25** ...everyone who competes for the prize exercises self-control in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.

**Luke 21:19** By your patience possess your souls.

David is no longer hasty in his decisions. Whose going with me?  
Abishai says Lets Do This...Abishai always says Lets Do This

- **One of 3 Bad Boy Brothers:** Abishai, Asahel, and Joab sons of Zeruiah

7 So **David and Abishai** came to the people by night; and there Saul lay sleeping within the camp, with his **spear stuck in the ground by his head.** And Abner and the people lay all around him. 8 Then Abishai said to David, "God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore, please, **let me strike him at once with the spear,** right to the earth; and I will not have to strike him a second time!"

We walk by faith not by sight

IOWs Not moved by logical arguments...but by Faith in what God says

Abishai also weaves into the matter an element of poetic justice: the spear used to kill Saul would be the king's own spear, stuck in the ground by his head. The spear that was thrown at David in attempted murder before would now be used as the instrument of the LORD's righteous judgment. It all might have seemed to be perfectly given from the hand of God. [Guzik]

David admonishes Abishai...Won't be the last time

9 But David said to Abishai, "**Do not destroy him**; for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD's anointed, and **be guiltless?**"

God is my Avenger

**Romans 12:17 Repay no one evil for evil... 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the LORD.**

**2 Thessalonians 1:5 ...it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you...**

God is my Avenger... I will leave room for Him

10 David said furthermore, "As the LORD lives, the LORD shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish.

- **Abigail's Wisdom:** David, Walk Blameless/Guiltless/Without future regret

Saul will get his without me doing a thing

God is my Defender, Advocate, Avenger. I'm gonna live life well/No regrets

11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the **LORD's anointed**. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head, and let us go." 12 So David took the spear and the jug of water by Saul's head, and they got away; and no man saw or knew it or awoke. For they were all asleep, because a **deep sleep from the LORD** had fallen on them.

Supernatural Deep Sleep from the LORD

**Genesis 2:2 ...the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.**

**Genesis 15:12 ...when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.**

13 Now David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of a hill afar off, a great distance being between them. 14 And David called out to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Do you not answer, Abner?" Then

Abner answered and said, "**Who are you, calling out to the king?**" 15 So David said to Abner, "**Are you not a man?** And who is like you in Israel? **Why then have you not guarded your Lord the king?** For one of the people came in to destroy your Lord the king. 16 This thing that you have done is not good. As the LORD lives, you deserve to die, because you have not guarded your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where **the king's spear is, and the jug of water** that was by his head."

### III. Saul Repents Again

17 Then Saul knew David's voice, and said, "**Is that your voice, my son David?**" David said, "**It is my voice, my Lord, O king.**" 18 And he said, "Why does my Lord thus pursue his servant? For what have I done, or what evil is in my hand?"

**1 Samuel 24:16** [Sounds familiar]...Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

We are known by our fruit...not our Words

**Matthew 3:7** But when [J the B] saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore **bear fruits worthy of repentance...**

**Matthew 7: 20** Therefore **by their fruits** you will know them. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, '**I never knew you;** depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Good Fruit: Well done good/faithful servant

Bad Fruit: I never knew you

- **John 15** A Branch must abide in/connected to trunk of tree to bear fruit

1. Abide in Me and bear fruit. *How do I abide in Jesus?*
2. Abide in My love. *How do I abide in Jesus love?*
3. Abide in Jesus love by keeping Jesus command. *What is the command?*
4. Love one another as yourself. **IOWs ...**

As you love one another you are abiding in Me

As you abide in Me you naturally/supernaturally Bear fruit which Glorifies God

Spirit motivated love for God evidenced by loving others in practical sacrificial ways is what remains forever. Nothing done without love will remain. [NJC]

**1 Corinthians 13:1** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, **but have not love**, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my

goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

Saul did not bear fruit in keeping w/his so-called repentance for what he did to David  
His Words were worthless...He was a Make-believer

**19 Now therefore, please, let my LORD the king hear the words of his servant: If the LORD has stirred you up against me, let Him accept an offering.**

Perhaps God is using my enemies to teach/humble me because I'm in sin?

- David's son Absalom is rebelling against his father for the throne
- David flees Jerusalem crossing the Brook Kidron
- He is barefoot/Weeping/ Pursued by a Benjamite Shimei
- Throwing dust and rocks at David...

**2 Samuel 16:9 Then Abishai** the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my LORD the king? Please, **let me go over and take off his head!**" 10 But the king said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? So let him curse, **because the LORD has said to him, 'Curse David.'** Who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?' " 11 And David said to Abishai and all his servants, "See how my son who came from my own body seeks my life. How much more now may this Benjamite? **Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the LORD has ordered him.** 12 It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing this day." 13 And as David and his men went along the road, Shimei went along the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went, threw stones at him and kicked up dust. [IOWs God allowed it so David allowed it]

There is always something to learn through adversity. Squeeze every drop  
Maybe I deserve it?

**Psalm 7:3** Concerning the words of Cush, a Benjamite [Saul/Saul sympathizer]. O LORD my God, **if I have done this: If there is iniquity** in my hands, 4 **If I have repaid evil** to him who was at peace with me, Or have plundered my enemy without cause, 5 **[THEN]** Let the enemy pursue me and overtake me; Yes, **[THEN]** let him trample my life to the earth, And lay my honor in the dust.

There is always something to learn in adversity  
Maybe I deserve what I'm going through? Maybe I don't

If the LORD has stirred you up against me **then** so be it...

**19b ...But if it is the children of men,** may they be cursed before the LORD,

- **If the LORD** is leading you to kill me...So be it
- **But** if this is your own idea...It won't go well for you

**19c ...for they have driven me out** this day from sharing in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.'

You are provoking me to deny Israel and God  
Driving me to other nations as if I'm not a true believer

20 So now, **do not let my blood fall to the earth** before the face of the LORD. For the king of Israel has come out to **seek a flea**, as when one hunts a **partridge in the mountains.**"

**1 Samuel 24:14b** ...Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A flea?

Partridges grow weary of constantly taking off and become easy to knock down with clubs by hunters. Saul's strategy is the same as Satan's; to wear God's man out.

- Jesus had to endure 24/7 traps/snares. So do we.

21 Then Saul said, "I have sinned. **Return, my son David.** For **I will harm you no more**, because my life was precious in your eyes this day.

Worldly Sorrow is devoid of the Fear of God  
IOWs If I fake it maybe I can avoid the consequences with a show

**1 Samuel 15:24** [Saul had much practice] Then Saul said to Samuel, "**I have sinned**, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice ...**30** Then he said, "**I have sinned; yet honor me now**, please, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD your God." [C.f. Pharaoh in Exodus 9:27]

**21b** ...Indeed I **have played the fool** and **erred exceedingly.**"

In these words we have a perfect autobiography. In them the complete life-story of this man is told. [Morgan]

David replies as 3000 of Saul's men of listen  
3000 men who would soon be following David...

22 And David answered and said, "**Here is the king's spear.** Let one of the young men come over and get it. 23 **May the LORD repay every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness**; for the LORD delivered you into my hand today, but I would not stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed.

God notices our work/sacrifice for Him  
God will reward our faithfulness to keep on keeping on

**Galatians 6:9** ...let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

I will not sin against My LORD/Stretch out my hand against His anointed

24 And indeed, **as your life was valued** much this day in my eyes, so **let my life be valued** much in the eyes of the LORD, and **let Him deliver me out of all tribulation.**"

David: As I valued your life may the LORD value mine...because you wont  
Unbelievers will not/cannot act as those who are Spirit-filled

**1 Corinthians 2:14** ...the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; **nor can** he know them, because they are **spiritually discerned**.

**Romans 8:7** Because the **carnal mind is enmity against God**; for it is not subject to the law of God, **nor indeed can be**. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Even so Saul gets religious again...

25 Then Saul said to David, "**May you be blessed, my son David!** You shall both **do great things** and also still **prevail.**"

Yet Saul will not relent  
He will continue to rebel against the *revealed will of God*

**25b ...So David went** on his way, and **Saul returned** to his place.

David will never see Saul again. 10-17 years of running  
The trial that seemed like it would never end finally does

**Psalms 18** A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

**1** I will love You, O LORD, my strength. **2** The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. **3** I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. **4** The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. **5** The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. **6** In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, even to His ears.

**7** Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry. **8** Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it. **9** He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet. **10** And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind. **11** He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters And thick clouds of the skies. **12** From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire.

**13** The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire. **14** He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them. **15** Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered At Your rebuke, O LORD, At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils. **16** He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. **17** He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, For they were too strong for me.

**18** They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my support. **19** He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me. **20** The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me. **21** For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God. **22** For all His

judgments were before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me. 23 I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity. 24 Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight. 25 With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless; 26 With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd. 27 For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.

28 For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. 29 For by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall. 30 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. 31 For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? 32 It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect. 33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places. 34 He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. 35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great. 36 You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed. 38 I have wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet. 39 For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. 40 You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me. 41 They cried out, but there was none to save; Even to the LORD, but He did not answer them. 42 Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like dirt in the streets.

43 You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You have made me the head of the nations; A people I have not known shall serve me. 44 As soon as they hear of me they obey me; The foreigners submit to me. 45 The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their hideouts. 46 The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted. 47 It is God who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me; 48 He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man. 49 Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name. 50 Great deliverance He gives to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore.

David placed himself into the hands of a Sovereign God  
God was faithful