

1. When we suffer, should we assume that there is a sin behind our suffering?
2. Why is death required to pay for Saul's sin, and why is it required to atone for our sin? (Thought experiment: why couldn't Jesus come to earth and do 1,000 pushups for our sin?)
3. Why is the death of Saul's sons sufficient to atone for the sin? How does this story provide a picture and explanation of why Christ is able to die on behalf of his people?
4. Why do you think God delays responding to the plea for the land until after Saul and his sons are buried?

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