

**David**  
**Getting Even...**  
**(A lesson on revenge)**  
**1 Samuel 24**

1 Samuel 24:1-4

<sup>1</sup>When Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the wilderness near En-gedi." <sup>2</sup>So Saul took three thousand of Israel's fit young men and went to look for David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. <sup>3</sup>When Saul came to the sheep pens along the road, a cave was there, and he went in to relieve himself.<sup>[a]</sup> David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave, <sup>4</sup>so they said to him, "Look, this is the day the LORD told you about: 'I will hand your enemy over to you so you can do to him whatever you desire.'" Then David got up and secretly cut off the corner of Saul's robe.

1 Samuel 24:5-7

<sup>5</sup>Afterward, David's conscience bothered<sup>[b]</sup> him because he had cut off the corner of Saul's robe.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>6</sup>He said to his men, "As the LORD is my witness, I would never do such a thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed. I will never lift my hand against him, since he is the LORD's anointed." <sup>7</sup>With these words David persuaded<sup>[d]</sup> his men, and he did not let them rise up against Saul.

1 Samuel 24:7-13

<sup>7</sup>Then Saul left the cave and went on his way. <sup>8</sup>After that, David got up, went out of the cave, and called to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David knelt low with his face to the ground and paid homage. <sup>9</sup>David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of people who say, 'Look, David intends to harm you'? <sup>10</sup>You can see with your own

eyes that the LORD handed you over to me today in the cave. Someone advised me to kill you, but I<sup>[e]f</sup> took pity on you and said: I won't lift my hand against my lord, since he is the LORD's anointed. <sup>11</sup> Look, my father! Look at the corner of your robe in my hand, for I cut it off, but I didn't kill you. Recognize<sup>[g]</sup> that I've committed no crime or rebellion. I haven't sinned against you even though you are hunting me down to take my life. <sup>12</sup> "May the LORD judge between me and you, and may the LORD take vengeance on you for me, but my hand will never be against you. <sup>13</sup> As the old proverb says, 'Wickedness comes from wicked people.' My hand will never be against you.

1 Samuel 24:16-19

<sup>16</sup> When David finished saying these things to him, Saul replied, "Is that your voice, David my son?" Then Saul wept aloud <sup>17</sup> and said to David, "You are more righteous than I, for you have done what is good to me though I have done what is evil to you. <sup>18</sup> You yourself have told me today what good you did for me: when the LORD handed me over to you, you didn't kill me. <sup>19</sup> When a man finds his enemy, does he let him go unharmed?<sup>[i]</sup> May the LORD repay you with good for what you've done for me today.

Romans 1:29

They are filled with all unrighteousness,<sup>[a]</sup> evil, greed, and wickedness. They are full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, and malice. They are gossips,

Ephesians 4:32

<sup>32</sup> And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you<sup>[n]</sup> in Christ.

Acts 7:60

He knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" And after saying this, he fell asleep.

Romans 12:19

Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for God's wrath, because it is written, **Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay,**<sup>[a]</sup> says the Lord.

Romans 12:21

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

Romans 12:20

But If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For in so doing you will be heaping fiery coals on his head.

Philippians 4:13

I am able to do all things through him<sup>[a]</sup> who strengthens me

Acts 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup>About that time King Herod violently attacked some who belonged to the church, <sup>2</sup>and he executed James, John's brother, with the sword.,

## Acts 12:23

At once an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give the glory to God, and he was eaten by worms and died.

## Revelation 6:10

They cried out with a loud voice, "Lord,<sup>[a]</sup> the one who is holy and true, how long until you judge those who live on the earth and avenge our blood?"

## 1 Timothy 1:19

having faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and have shipwrecked the faith.

## 1 Corinthians 3:13

<sup>13</sup>each one's work will become obvious. For the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire; the fire will test the quality of each one's work.

## Matthew 5:13

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty?<sup>[a]</sup> It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right.

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