

Spared Again - The Righteous King

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1 Samuel 26:1-25

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Haven't We Already Heard This?

- Liberals claim this is the same story as 24
- Nope, the Lord helping us see the depravity of Saul

The Scene

- Ziphites again^{23:19} go to Saul to betray David - see Psalm 54
- Didn't Saul agree to not pursue David^{24:20}?
- Saul's jealous impulses fed by Ziphites tempting
- David knew Saul came into wilderness - he had 3000 men!

David Infiltrates Saul's Camp

- David & Abishai sneak down at night - like Gideon^{Jdg7:9-11}
- Everyone was sleeping soundly¹²
- Abishai wants to impale Saul with his own spear - David forbids⁹⁻¹¹
- David's answer due to conviction NOT circumstances!
- Recent incident with Nabal had taught David to trust God's ways
- David took spear & jar of water at Saul's head¹²

Across the Valley

- David calls out to army & Abner¹³ waking them up!
- David honors Saul as lord and king; challenges Abner for failure

Saul Wakes Up

- Saul calls David, "my son" - unlike previous times
- David fires off 3 pointed questions¹⁸
- David teaches & offers alternatives
- Exile means cutting off from geographical worship at temple
- David offers options - if the Lord... then let's seek forgiveness
- if men causing a rift then may they be cursed

Saul's Response

- Saul seems to repent²¹
- David doesn't buy his repentance - didn't turn to God
- All true repentance has a Gospel confession to it

David's Response

- Didn't entrust himself to Saul - send someone to get your spear...
- Again teaches Saul - God's sowing & reaping principle
- Entrusting himself to God's care, not Saul's
- Psalm 11 & Psalm 31

Saul's Last Words to David

- Saul offers a blessing of sorts and they part ways
- Saul didn't truly repent of his actions
- Will you repent and call upon God through faith in Christ? ^{Psalm 95:7-9}
- Saul, nor David could ever be the king we need
- God promised the King we need ^{Jeremiah23:5}
- That King is Jesus who came to redeem us - He is righteous ^{Mt3:13-15}
- Jesus was the perfect Prophet, Priest & King
- John the Baptist saw that, consented to baptize ^{Num8:7;Ex29:4;Lev8:6}
- We need that Righteous King because we lack righteousness ^{Rom3:10}
- God provides what we need through Jesus ^{Rom3:21-25}
- We receive the righteousness we need through faith ^{Rom3:22} in Jesus!