

1 Samuel 26-31

Chapter 26

Overview – David spares Saul's Life 2nd Time

- * David & Abiathar/Camp; Abiathar Tempts David; David Resists
- * David reasons with Saul – No reason to chase him; Saul relents

Point #1 Holiness Leads to Wholeness within the Church

V9, 11, 23 – I will not stretch out my hand against the Lord's anointed

* Even when in Error/We're not Holy Spirit Presiding over/Church!

Philippians 1:15-18 ¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: ¹⁶The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; ¹⁷but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

A - Trust the Lord to keep His Church Holy & Whole! (26:10 = 31:6)

Chapter 27

Overview – David gave up and fled Saul

* David said in his heart; Fled to Gath; 1 yr 4 mo; Life/Raiding/Lying

Point #2 Don't Give Up

V1 – In a moment of weakness David said “in his heart”; I, I, I

- * Led 600 men into a life of raiding & lying
- * Needed to stop to ask the Lord, get wise/Godly counsel, Remember!
- * Needed to take some of his own counsel!
- * Read Psalm 27

A – Do not loose heart, Believe, Wait on the Lord, Be of good courage

Chapter 28

Overview – Saul Goes/Medium; Requests a Séance; Calls up Samuel

Point #3 Are Ghosts Real?

1. So many things wrong here – Saul put out mediums/now going to one; Disguised himself??; Séance – promises “As/Lord lives”

2. Was it a Real? A Ghost? - a disembodied soul; (Webster)

Mark 6:49 And when they saw Him (Jesus) walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost (phantasma/ apparition), and cried out;

3. What about the Holy Ghost? **Acts 1:8** ⁸But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost (pneuma) is come upon you...

4. Possible for the Physically Dead to Appear?

Matthew 17:1-3 ¹Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; ²and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. ³And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

5. Where did Samuel come up from? (Sheol Ps 16:10; Lk 16:19-31)

* “The oracle of this apparition sounded like an authentic message from God, with its announcement of doom on the guilty, unfaithful king.” (G. Archer)

A – **Isa 8:19-20** – Seek the Lord, Seek the dead for living, Seek Word!

Chapter 29

Overview – Philistine Princes Reject David from Serving with Them

V6 & 9 - Notice David had fooled Acish/World; Himself?; Not God!!!

Chapter 30

Overview – David's Everything taken; Inquires/Lord; Recovers all

Point #4 The Sure Mercies of God

V1-6 – Consequences of 27:1; Lifestyle/Raiding/Lying!

V6c & 8 – David strengthened/Lord; Inquired/Lord

* It has been 1 year, 4 months “on the lamb”; Now saved by Lamb!

Isaiah 55:3 ³Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Chapter 31

Overview – Philistines defeat Israel; Saul/Sons/Killed/Cut/Hung

Point #5 What's the Difference – Saul/David – Heart Issue!

* Saul - Always thinking/Self – Hating David, Willing kill Son/His word; Tried/Kill/Jonathan; More fear man/God; Samuel/Honor me

* David – Lost it/Listened to Abigail; Didn't kill Saul; Let/Lord Judge, Came back to Lord; Not Perfect Man - Just a Man after Heart/God! (Acts 13:21-22)