

# Week 8: David spares Saul Twice

**Title:** David spares Saul Twice

**Objective:**

- Lessons from David, a man after God's own heart
- Tragic ending to Saul and his sons

**Resources:**

- [Fr. Tadros Y. Malaty Commentary](#)
- [Catena Bible Commentary](#)

**Reading:**

- General
  - 1 Samuel 24-31
- Specific
  - Read and summarize 1 Samuel 24 (David spares Saul)
  - Read and summarize 1 Samuel 25:1-39 (Nabal and his wise wife Abigail)
  - Read and summarize 1 Samuel 26 (David spares Saul again)
  - Read and summarize 1 Samuel 31 (The tragic end of Saul and his sons)

**Key verse(s):**

"I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he *is* the Lord's anointed." 1 Samuel 24:10

"*May you be blessed, my son David! You shall both do great things and also still prevail.*" 1 Samuel 26:25

**Review questions:**

1. What did David's followers ask him to do to Saul while Saul was resting at the cave? Did he listen to them?  
Why?
2. Which verses that demonstrate David's respect for Saul.
3. What did David's young men ask Nabal for? What was Nabal's response? What was David's response to Nabal's answer to his request?

4. Abigail was a woman of good understanding (v. 3). Prove this statement.
5. Why did David reject Abishai's advice?
6. What evidence do we have that the Lord was with David?
7. Although Saul was following David for a long time to kill him, David has never thought of killing him... Why and Prove that?
8. David was the anointed king by Samuel ... List his characteristics as shown in this Chapter.
9. It was mentioned in verse 1 that Samuel died ... Who wrote the rest of the First Book and the Second Book of Samuel?
10. Was Abigail wise in meeting with David without telling her husband? Why?
11. David refuses again to kill Saul. What did he anticipate would happen to Saul?
12. Show how David humbles himself in front of Saul.
13. What did the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead do to the bodies of Saul and his sons?
14. Why the men of Jabesh Gilead risked their lives to rescue the body of Saul?

### Homework:

1. How many did Saul prepare to follow David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats?
2. "You are more \_\_\_\_\_ than I; for you have rewarded me with \_\_\_\_\_, whereas I have \_\_\_\_\_ you with \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Where was Samuel buried?
4. What is the name of Nabal's wife?
5. Who was the commander of the army of Saul?
6. What did David take from Saul while Saul was sleeping?
7. What did David's followers ask him to do to Saul while Saul was resting at the cave? Did he listen to them?
8. What favor did Saul ask David to do when he becomes king?
9. What did David's young men ask Nabal for?
10. What did Abigail do after what happened from her husband to David?
11. What did David take from Saul while Saul was sleeping?
12. Was Abner a good commander? Why?
13. The sons of Saul who died in the battle were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The Philistines took Saul's armor and put it in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
15. What did Saul ask his armour bearer to do to him? Why?
16. What did the Philistines do to Saul's body?

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