

1 SAMUEL 26:7-12

GOD IS A FAIR JUDGE

When David spared Saul's life, Saul felt grateful and admitted that David was more righteous than himself. However, after some time, Saul went back to pursuing David. Someone informed him that David was hiding in the hill of Hachilah. Saul went there with his 3000 men. David heard about this and went to see Saul in the camp at night with Abishai, one of his men. When they reached the camp, Saul and all his soldiers were sleeping soundly. Abishai wanted to kill Saul but David's forbade him from doing that. He said that the Lord Himself would punish Saul. David spared Saul's life again.

David understood that God was the only rightful Judge between Saul and himself. Seeking revenge makes you become as bad as the person that has ill-treated you. Do not fill your mind with revenge. The Bible teaches us to wait for the Lord to make things right.

God sees all things including your pain and tears. Let God be the judge and make things right according to His will and plan.

Key verse:

*Proverbs 20:22
Don't say, "I'll pay you back for the evil you did." Wait for the Lord. He will make things right.*

Prayer

*Dear God, thank You for Your word. May Your peace, strength and comfort be upon my heart.
Amen.*



1 SAMUEL 28:3-11

SPIRIT OF TRUTH OR LIES?

Now Samuel had died. One day, Israel had to fight the Philistines. Saul was scared thus he prayed but God didn't answer him straight away because of his continuous disobedience. He was desperate for help. In his panic and fear, instead of repenting from his sins and searching for God with all his heart, Saul consulted a medium. A medium is a person who communicates with the evil spirit. God forbids this kind of practice as it is the work of the devil.

The ultimate supernatural power comes only from God. God gives power to those who believe in Him and in His truth. On the contrary, satan, who is full of lies, always tries to deceive people with many ways, trying to make them believe that he also has power to do great things. It's a complete lie. Satan has been defeated by Jesus and in Jesus Name, satan is powerless.

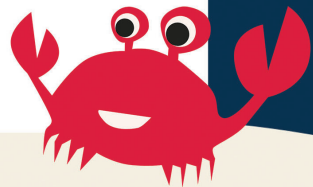
Similarly, fortune telling, tarot, horoscope, ouija board and astrology are all the work of satan. Satan uses these media to deceive many people. Do not compromise. Say no to all satanic forms of work.

Key verse:

*Leviticus 19:31
Don't turn to psychics or mediums to get help. That will make you unclean. I am the Lord your God.*

Prayer

Dear God, I want to submit to You and resist the devil. I want to worship You only in spirit and in truth. Amen.



1 SAMUEL 30:1-8

GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART

David was living at Ziklag with his family. One day he and his men went away for a mission. On the third day, when he was back to Ziklag, he found that the Amalekites had raided Ziklag. Everyone, including his family, was taken away. To make it worse, the men blamed David for this and threatened to stone him. It must have been very distressing for David when people started to blame him unjustly while he himself had to deal with the grief of missing his family. The first thing that David did was to find strength in the Lord. He prayed and sought God in order to renew his strength and ask for His guidance on what he should do.

Just like in David's case, has God become the first Person you come to when you are feeling sad or down? Do not allow yourself to dwell in your sadness.

When you are in distress, seek God, reconnect with Him to get the strength that you need!

Key verse:

*Psalm 73:26
My mind and
my body may
become weak.
But God is my
strength. He is
mine forever.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I
may fail many
times due to my
weaknesses. But
I know I can find
my strength in
You. Amen.*



2 SAMUEL 1:13-15

ANOINTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Saul and his sons were killed in the battle. An Amalekite came to David and informed him about this news. David was so sad that he wept. He found out that the one who took Saul's life was this Amalek man. Saul had instructed this man to kill him as he was badly injured. David was puzzled at the fact that this stranger dared to kill someone who was anointed by God. David highly valued the anointing of God.

Being anointed means being filled with the Holy Spirit. So, when Saul was anointed by Samuel, the Spirit of God was on him. Saul was called to carry out the work of God, with the power given by the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, he didn't follow God faithfully and the Spirit of God left him.

Let us be like David who highly values the anointing of God. Follow and obey God in all the days of your life. You are to live as God's child who shines and glorifies His name wherever you are.

Key verse:

*1 John 2:20
But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.*

Prayer

Dear God, I want to always be filled with Your Spirit and live according to Your word. Let me be what You want me to be. Amen.



2 SAMUEL 5:1-5

A SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

After King Saul passed away, there was a long war between the family of Saul and the family of David. Saul's son named Ish-Boshet was made king over Israel, while David was anointed as king of Judah, which was part of Israel. David grew stronger and stronger while the family of Saul grew weaker.

God was working out things in His timing and finally it was time for God's promise for David to be fulfilled. David was finally made king over the whole Israel. David was 30 years old when he began to reign. God told David that he would be like a shepherd for the Israelites.

Shepherding describes a closer relationship and a more devoted responsibility. A king rules over his people; a shepherd does not only lead his sheep, but he also guides and protects them. A shepherd knows every single one of his sheep. That's what God wanted David to do.

Similarly, God is your shepherd and you are His beloved sheep. He knows you by name. He knows every single thing about you, including your joy, pain and deepest secrets. He takes care of you with so much love.

Key verse:

*Ezekiel 34:12a
A shepherd will take care of his scattered flock when it is found. In the same way I will take care of My sheep.*

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for being my good Shepherd. My life is in a good hand of Yours. Thank You for the assurance. Amen.



2 SAMUEL 7:18-24

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

God spoke to David through a prophet named Nathan. God said that He would be with David all the time, peace would be upon him and his kingdom, enemies would not harm them, his family and his descendants would always be taken care of by God and David's throne would be established forever. What beautiful promises from God! Upon hearing this, David was deeply moved. He was so grateful and felt the love of God overflowing in his heart. He prayed, praised and worshipped God to show his gratitude.

David understood that he received such grace not because of who he was. Even though he was a king, he was so small compared to God. David clearly knew that he received this beautiful grace because of who God was. He gave praises to God for His greatness and faithfulness.

You and I should also be grateful for the grace and blessing that God has given to us. God's grace and blessing reflect the greatness of the Giver, not the receiver. Let's give God a prayer of gratitude every single day because His grace is new every morning!

Key verse:

*2 Samuel 7:22
This is why You
are great, Lord
God! There is no
one like You.*

Prayer

*Dear God, who
am I that You
love me deeply.
I am forever
grateful for all
Your blessing and
grace upon me.
Amen.*



2 SAMUEL 8: 9-14

VICTORY COMES FROM GOD

David defeated many people from many nations. God gave him victory after victory. The Bible says, "The Lord gave David victory wherever he went." That is so amazing. However, David did not become arrogant or say that it was his own hand that brought him victory. David knew that his victory came from God.

Since the first time David went into a battlefield, which is when he fought against Goliath, David had declared that his victory did not depend on sword and spear. His victory was only in the name of the Lord Almighty. Moreover, David also said that the battle belonged to the Lord. David knew that the Lord his God was the one who went with him to fight for him against his enemies.

God has given us a victorious life. He will bring us from one victory to another in every battle and struggle we have in life. Just trust in Him completely that He is with you to fight for you.

Key verse:

*Deuteronomy
20:4*

*For the LORD
your God is the
one who goes
with you to
fight for you
against your
enemies to give
you victory.*

Prayer

*Dear God. You
are mighty and
powerful. Thank
You for giving me
a victorious life. I
will always trust in
You and let Your
name always be
glorified through
every victory in my
life.
Amen.*

