

Bible Study on 1st Samuel Chapter 30

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1ST SAMUEL CHAPTER 15:26

“BUT SAMUEL SAID TO HIM “I WILL NOT GO BACK WITH YOU. YOU HAVE REJECTED THE WORD OF THE LORD, AND THE LORD HAS REJECTED YOU AS KING OF ISRAEL”

LETS JUMP INTO OUR BIBLE STUDY NOW!

A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON HOW DAVID AND HIS MEN GOT TO ZIKLAG.

BACKGROUND FOR OUR TEXT:

DAVID AND HIS 600 MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE RUNNING FOR THEIR LIVES FROM KING SAUL. THEY ESCAPE TO THE LAND OF THE PHILISTINES IN GATH.

DAVID FOUND FAVOR IN THE EYES OF ACHISH THE KING AND HE GIVES DAVID THE CITY OF ZIKLAG. DAVID AND HIS MEN WOULD STAY THERE FOR A YEAR AND FOUR MONTHS

1ST SAMUEL CHAPTER 29:4 TELLS US THE PHILISTINES WERE GETTING READY TO GO TO WAR AND THE COMMANDERS DID NOT TRUST DAVID AND HIS MEN AND FELT THAT BECAUSE OF DAVID’S HEBREW BACKGROUND HE MAY TURN AGAINST THEM.

SO KING ACHISH EVEN THROUGH HE BELIEVED THAT DAVID WOULD FIGHT WITH HIM, AND ALONG SIDE HIM NOT AGAINST HIM BUT DUE TO HIS COMMANDERS SENDS DAVID AND HIS MEN BACK TO ZIKLAG.

NOW DAVID WAS IN A BAD SPOT IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT. WOULD HE HAVE TO FIGHT HIS OWN HEBREW BROTHERS? BUT GOD STEPPED IN SO DAVID WOULD NOT EVEN HAVE TO MAKE THAT CHOICE BY USING ACHISH COMMANDERS

**WE CAN DIVIDE OUR BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT INTO
THREE (3) PARTS**

PART 1: WHEN EVERYTHING FALLS APART (VV. 1-6)

PART 2: SEEKING DIVINE DIRECTION, GRACE (VV. 7-15)

PART 3: VICTORY, AND GENEROSITY (VV. 16-31)

Let's take a look at the first

SIX verses of Chapter 30

PART 1 "WHEN EVERYTHING FALLS APART"

**WE CAN SUBDIVIDE THE NEXT 6 VERSES INTO THE
CRISIS, THE BETRAYAL, AND THE RESPONSE.**

1ST SAMUEL CHAPTER 30: VERSES 1-5

David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day. Now the Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag and burned it, and had taken captive the women and everyone else in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way.

When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive.

So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.

David's two wives had been captured—Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel.

1ST SAMUEL 30:6 THE FIRST PART OF THE VERSE TELLS US:

David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters.

THE LAST PART OF THE VERSE IT TELLS US:

But David found strength in the LORD his God.

WHO DO YOU TURN TO FIRST WHEN LIFE'S TROUBLES VISIT YOU?

PSALMS 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

THESE ARE THE TIMES WHEN WE NEED THE STRENGTH OF GOD TO GET US THROUGH.

MATTHEW HENRY (THE FAMOUS ENGLISH MINISTER) STATES AND I

QUOTE “. If God be in our hearts, by his word dwelling richly in us, we shall be established, we shall be helped; let us trust and not be afraid”.

PART 2 “SEEKING DIVINE DIRECTION AND GRACE

**WE CAN SUBDIVIDE THE NEXT NINE VERSES INTO SEEKING
DIVINE DIRECTION, TIREDNESS, SHOWING MERCY.**

VERSE 7 OF 1ST SAMUEL CHAPTER 30 TELLS US WHAT DAVID
DID TO TALK TO GOD.

1ST SAMUEL CHAPTER 30 VERSE 7:

**Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelek,
“Bring me the ephod.” Abiathar brought it to him,**

NOW THIS EPHOD WAS A PRIESTLY GARMENT THAT ONLY THE PRIEST WOULD
WEAR WHEN HE WENT INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES TO TALK TO GOD. IT WAS A
VEST TYPE GARMENT THAT CONTAIN POCKETS THAT CARRIED STONES IN THEM
CALLED “URIM” AND “THUMMIM”

**THEY WERE USED BY THE PRIEST TO MAKE DECISIONS. THESE NAMES MEAN
“CURSES” AND “PERFECTIONS” AND REFER TO THE NATURE OF GOD. WHO’S
WILL THEY REVEALED. THEY WERE KEPT IN A POUCH AND TAKEN OUT OR
SHAKEN OUT TO GET EITHER A YES OR NO DECISION.**

IF YOU WANT TO READ MORE ABOUT THIS IT CAN BE FOUND IN

EXODUS CHAPTER 39: VERSES 1-21

HAVE YOU EVER NEEDED TO GET TO GOD URGENTLY?

KNOWING WHAT WE KNOW NOW WE SHOULD THANK GOD FOR HIS
SON JESUS CHRIST THAT CAME TO EARTH TO DIE FOR OUR SINS. YOU
SEE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPEN WHEN JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED IS
WE GAINED ACCESS TO GOD OURSELVES!

MATTHEW CHAPTER 27: VERSES 50-51

AND WHEN JESUS CRIED OUT AGAIN IN A LOUD VOICE HE GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT. AT THAT MOMENT THE CURTAIN IN THE TEMPLE WAS TORN IN TWO FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. THE EARTH SHOOK AND THE ROCKS SPLIT.

1ST SAMUEL CHAPTER 30 VERSE 8

And David inquired of the LORD, “Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?” “Pursue them,” he answered. “You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue.”

YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WHO YOU ASK FOR ADVICE YOU SEE IT IS POSSIBLE TO PURSUE SOMETHING AND OVERTAKE IT BUT NOT SUCCEED.

LET’S TAKE A LOOK AT EXODUS 14:9

The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

YOU SEE PHARAOH PURSUED AND OVERTOOK BUT IF YOU REMEMBER YOUR BIBLE HISTORY HE DID NOT SUCCEED HIS MIGHTY ARMY WAS DESTROYED.

WE SEE IN VERSES 9 AND 10 OF 1ST SAMUEL CHAPTER 30

David and the six hundred men with him came to the Besor Valley, where some stayed behind.

Two hundred of them were too exhausted to cross the valley, but David and the other four hundred continued the pursuit.

DAVID THOUGHT HE WOULD NEED 600 MEN BUT GOD SAID HE ONLY NEEDED 400

VERSES 11-16 OF 1ST SAMUEL CHAPTER 30

They found an Egyptian in a field and brought him to David. They gave him water to drink and food to eat—

part of a cake of pressed figs and two cakes of raisins. He ate and was revived, for he had not eaten any food or drunk any water for three days and three nights.

David asked him, “Who do you belong to? Where do you come from?” He said, “I am an Egyptian, the slave of an Amalekite. My master abandoned me when I became ill three days ago.

We raided the Negev of the Kerethites, some territory belonging to Judah and the Negev of Caleb. And we burned Ziklag.”

David asked him, “Can you lead me down to this raiding party?” He answered, “Swear to me before God that you will not kill me or hand me over to my master, and I will take you down to them.”

He led David down, and there they were, scattered over the countryside, eating, drinking and reveling because of the great amount of plunder they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from Judah.

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE ON HOW WE NEED TO TREAT PEOPLE.

PART THREE

GRACE, VICTORY, GENEROSITY

WE CAN SUBDIVIDE THESE LAST VERSES INTO RECOVERY, THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY, AND REACHING OUT

VERSES 17-19 OF 1ST SAMUEL CHAPTER 30 TELL US:

David fought them from dusk until the evening of the next day and none of them got away, except four hundred young men who rode off on camels and fled.

David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives.

Nothing was missing: young or old, boy or girl, plunder or anything else they had taken. David brought everything back.

1ST SAMUEL VERSES 21 27

**TELLS US ABOUT A DILEMMA BETWEEN DAVID AND SOME OF HIS MEN
LETS LOOK AT THIS**

1ST SAMUEL 30 VERSES 21-25

Then David came to the two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow him and who were left behind at the Besor Valley. They came out to meet David and the men with him. As David and his men approached, he asked them how they were.

But all the evil men and troublemakers among David's followers said, "Because they did not go out with us, we will not share with them the plunder we recovered. However, each man may take his wife and children and go."

David replied, "No, my brothers, you must not do that with what the LORD has given us. He has protected us and delivered into our hands the raiding party that came against us.

Who will listen to what you say? The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike."

David made this a statute and ordinance for Israel from that day to this.

NOTICE THE PEOPLE THAT DID NOT WANT TO SHARE IN VERSE 22 WERE CALLED EVIL AND TROUBLEMAKERS.

1ST SAMUEL CHAPTER 30 VERSE 22

But all the evil men and troublemakers among David's followers said, "Because they did not go out with us, we will not share with them the plunder we recovered. However, each man may take his wife and children and go."

HOW DO YOU FEEL WOULD YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH PEOPLE THAT DID NOT HELP?

1ST SAMUEL CHAPTER 30 VERSES 26-31

When David reached Ziklag, he sent some of the plunder to the elders of Judah, who were his friends, saying, "Here is a gift for you from the plunder of the LORD's enemies."

David sent it to those who were in Bethel, Ramoth Negev and Jattir;

to those in Aroer, Siphmoth, Eshtemoa

and Rakal; to those in the towns of the Jerahmeelites and the Kenites;

to those in Hormah, Bor Ashan, Athak

and Hebron; and to those in all the other places where he and his men had roamed.

YOU CAN GET BACK WHAT THE DEVIL TOOK FROM YOU TODAY JUST LIKE DAVID YOU CAN RECOVER IT ALL!

ACTS CHAPTER 10 VERSE 34

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN IT MEANS IF HE RESTORED ALL THAT DAVID HAD TAKEN HE WILL DO THE SAME FOR YOU!

ALL IT TAKES IS JUST LIKE DAVID IS TO PRAY AND ASK.

NOW HIS ANSWER MAY NOT COME TODAY BUT IF YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD IT'S COMING! IT'S ON THE WAY!!!

NOTES:
