

David's Mercy

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King Saul was jealous of David because he knew that God was going to make David king instead of him. So Saul kept chasing David, trying to kill him. David tried to escape Saul, but soon Saul heard that David was hiding in the wilderness of Ziph. Saul took 3,000 of his men to Ziph and they pitched their tents, ready to find and destroy David. But David sent out spies to see where Saul and his army were.

We found Saul's camp, David. He and his army are pitched in the hill of Hachilah. Saul and his captain, Abner, are lying in a trench while the rest of his men have pitched around them.



Who will go with me to Saul's camp?

I will go with you, David.

So David and Abishai came to Saul's camp at night.



Sure enough, David and Abishai found Saul sleeping in a trench, with his spear next to his pillow and Abner sleeping next to him.

God has delivered your enemy into your hand this night, David.



Now, let me smite him with the spear to the earth once.



I will not smite him a second time.



No, Abishai!

Do not destroy him. Who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?



As the Lord lives, He will smite Saul somehow. It could be that he might die today, or die in battle someday.



But the Lord forbid that I should stretch my hand against His anointed.

Let's just take his spear and his cruse of water and get back to our camp.



Abishai did as he was told and did not harm Saul. He and David took Saul's spear and his cruse of water, and crept out of the camp completely unnoticed, because God had caused everyone in Saul's camp to enter into a deep sleep.



Then David climbed to the top of a faraway hill and woke up the people with his call. The spear and the cruse was proof to Saul that David had the chance to get his revenge, but chose to leave it in God's hands. May God help us to do the same as David and show mercy to those who don't deserve it.

The End

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