

Children's Sermon: To repay... ___ for ___ - we want to do as Christ did for us! (Rom 5:8)

Intro: "He/she had it coming." ...Justify our words/actions with – revenge.

SERMON TEXT (NIV) 1 Samuel 24:1-20

Theme: "Recognize the Conduct of Royalty."

1. Conscientious of the Lord's will (vs 1-7)

Context of **ch 21-23?** - David fleeing from ...the hunting spear of King Saul
King Saul – why did he relentlessly pursue David?

a. he was... jealous (Goliath -**ch 17**) ...lead to suspicion (**18:7-8**)

b. he was... hateful (he wondered if David was Lord's Anointed? -**15:28**)

v1-2 3000 chosen men...Saul's special forces; out to find David and men

A Psalm of David – prayerful for God's deliverance (**Ps 57:1-6**)

v3-4 Hand-delivered... alone, on bathroom break in the cave

-Now was the time for revenge! – Saul's persecution; what did David do?

v5-7 David felt... remorse, heart "smote" him "conscience-stricken"

-Dishonored God's anointed - another opportunity too **26:8**

-David was... also the Lord's anointed –to be future king **16:13-14**

App: So what about David's choice? What would you have done?

-His choice had been guided by the Lord's Word, conscience of His will.

Trans: David showed far more royal conduct than Saul, because David was also:

2. Reflective of the Lord's mercy (vs 8-15)

David – why did he go out to show Saul his cut garment?

v8 he was... humble (Saul was the King, anointed by the Lord)

v9 he was... hopeful (Saul would gossip was false) "good name"

v10-11 he was... merciful (Saul was David's enemy) could have ended

-Saul had no reason to... fear him / "my father" -in-law **18:27**

v4 "to deal with as you wish..." – (**Rom 12:19-21**)

v12-13 Jehovah will judge between who is right among us;

-David believed the Lord would avenge him

v14-15 Saul's conduct... foolish, evil

-How David speaks of himself? -nothing worth pursuing; harmless

App: -How is David like a type of our Savior? Re-paid evil with good!

The Christian ex seen: To repay evil with good... is Christlike. Mercy/Forgives (**Rom 5:8**)

Trans: David showed Christlike conduct to Saul and gave glory to God.

And as David was led by the Word and Spirit of God, he was:

3. Blessed of the Lord's hand (vs 16-20)

v16-17 Saul repentant?...temporarily overcome by emotion (**26:21,2**)

v18-20 Saul blessed him... not why David spared him! -Wanted God's will/mercy

-to repay good with good... not why we do things (but to honor God)

App: **1 Peter 2:9-12** "royal priesthood" **Theme** 1, 2, as we follow/echo...#3 – *peace*

-we are blessed by the Lord's hand with His peace, mercy, justice

Sum: Biblical ex's: Theme: conduct of Christians...royalty through Christ! Amen.

This peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard and keep your hearts and minds in our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen!

SERMONTEXT (NIV) 1 Samuel 24:1-20

1 After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi." **2** So Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Craggs of the Wild Goats. **3** He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. **4** The men said, "This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. **5** Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. **6** He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the LORD." **7** With these words David rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

8 Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. **9** He said to Saul, "Why do you listen when men say, 'David is bent on harming you?' **10** This day you have seen with your own eyes how the LORD delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lift my hand against my master, because he is the LORD's anointed.'" **11** See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. Now understand and recognize that I am not guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. **12** May the LORD judge between you and me. And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you. **13** As the old saying goes, 'From evildoers come evil deeds,' so my hand will not touch you. **14** "Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea? **15** May the LORD be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand."

16 When David finished saying this, Saul asked, "Is that your voice, David my son?" And he wept aloud. **17** "You are more righteous than I," he said. "You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly. **18** You have just now told me of the good you did to me; the LORD delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me. **19** When a man finds his enemy, does he let him get away unharmed? May the LORD reward you well for the way you treated me today. **20** I know that you will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands.

NIV Psalm 57:1 For the director of music. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." Of David. A miktam. When he had fled from Saul into the cave.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. **2** I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me. **3** He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me; Selah God sends his love and his faithfulness. **4** I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous beasts-- men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. **5** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. **6** They spread a net for my feet-- I was bowed down in distress. They dug a pit in my path-- but they have fallen into it themselves. Selah