

1Samuel 27–29

“God’s Grace Our Only Hope to Save Us from Our Remaining Sin”

What are we to think about what David is doing in this passage, and why does the passage about Saul interrupt it? Pastor leads his family in today’s “Hopewell @Home” passage. In these forty-eight verses, we learn that David still has within him the capacity for great sin within him, and that the only thing that keeps him (or us!) from becoming Saul 2.0 is God’s saving grace.

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First Samuel chapters 27 through 29. These are God's words. And David said in his heart now I shall perish someday by the hand of Saul there is nothing before better for me than that. I should speedily escape to the land of the soul will despair of me to seek my seek me anymore in any part of Israel, so I shall escape out of his hand.

Then David arose and went over with 600 men who were with him to a quiche son of my office of gath and so David dwelt with acacia gath he and his man each man with his household and David with his two wives and you know, I'm the Jezraelitis and Abigail the Carmelitus Nobel.

And it was told the soul that David had fled to death so he saw him no more. Then David said to hesh if I have no found favor in your eyes, let them give me some give me a place in some town in the country that I may dwell there for why should your servant well in the royal city with you?

So a quiche gave him ziplag that day therefore is a clag has belonged to the kings of Judah to this day. Now the time that David's dwelt in the country of the Flintstones was one full year and four months. And David and his men went up and raided the gasterikes the girdsites and the amal kites for those nations were the inhabitants of the land from of old as you go to shore even as far as the land of Egypt.

Whenever David attacked the land he left neither man nor woman alive, but took away the sheep the oxen the donkey is the camels. And the apparel and returned and came to achieve and then he should say where have you made a raid today and David would say against the southern area of Judah or against the southern area of the year of me lights or against the southern area of the kenites.

David would save neither man nor woman alive to bring news to gas saying lest they and shouldn't form on us saying thus. David did. And this was his behavior all the time he dwelt in the country of the forces. So accused believed David saying he has made his people.

Israel utterly aborn therefore, he will be my servant forever. Now happened in those days that the flitzens gathered their armies together for war to fight with Israel. And the key said to David you assuredly know that you will go out with me to battle you and your men. So David said to a quiche surely, you know, what your servant can do?

And if you said to David therefore, I will make you one of my chief guardians forever. Now Samuel I died and all his ruled lamented for him and buried him in Rama and his end city. And Saul had put the mediums in the spirits out of the land and then the flu stands gathered together and came and then came to Sunum so it's all gathered all Israel together and they encamped at Gilboa when Saul saw saw the army of the Flintstones he was afraid and his heart's trembled greatly then when Saul enquired of Yale they always did not answer him.

Either by dreams or by Europe or by the prophets. Then Saul said to his servants find me a woman who is a medium that I may go to her and inquire of her. The servant said to him, in fact, there is a woman who is a medium and/or. So soul disguised himself and put on other clothes and he went with him and they came to the woman by night and he said please conduct a seance for me and bring up for me the one that I shall name to you.

Then the woman said to him look, you know, what soul has done how he has cut off the mediums and the spirit tests from the land why then do you lay a snare for my life to cause me to die? And sole swore to her by always saying. As you always lives no punishment shall come upon you for this thing.

And the woman said him shall I bring up for you he said bring Samuel up for me when the woman saw Samuel she cried out with a loud voice and the woman spoke to Saul saying why have you deceived me for you our soul? The King said to her do not be

afraid what did you see?

The woman said to Saul. I saw spirit ascending out of the earth. So he said to her what is his form? And she said an old man is coming up and he has covered with a mantle and self-perceived that it wants Samuel and he's stooped with his face to the ground and bowed down.

Now Samuel said to soul why have you disturbed me by bringing me up? It's all answered. I am deeply distressed for the flistons make war against me and God has departed from me and does not answer me anymore neither by prophets nor by dreams, therefore. I have called you that you may reveal to me what I should do.

And Samuel said so why do you ask me seeing your way has departed from you then has become your enemy? And you always has done for himself as he's spoke by me. For you has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor David because.

You did not obey the voice of your way, nor execute his fierce wrath upon. Amalek. Therefore. You always has done this thing to you this day. Moreover you always will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Flintstones. And tomorrow you and your sons will be with me.

Yeah, we will also deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the flustence. Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground and he was dreadfully afraid because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him for he had eaten no food all day or all night.

And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was severely troubled and said to him book. You're made servant to debate your voice and I put my life in my hands and he did the words which you spoke to me. Now therefore please he'd also the voice of your maid servant.

Let me set a piece of bread before you and eat that you may have strength when you go on your way. He refused and said, I will not eat. So his servants together with the woman urged him and he heated their voice. Then he rose from the ground and sat on the bed.

Now the woman had a fatted calf in the house and she hastened to kill it and took flour and needed it and baked unleavened bread from it. So, she brought it before sole and his servants and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night. And the flistons gathered together all their armies at affect and it is right and camped by a fentanyl which is in Jezreel and the Lords of the Flissins passed and reviewed by hundreds and thousands but David and his men passed and review at the rear with a huge.

And then from the princess of the Flintstones said, what are these Hebrews doing here. And that he said to the princess of the Flintstones is this not David the servant of Saul King of Israel who has been with me these days are these years and to this day. I have found no fault in him since he defected to me.

But the princes of the listings were angry with him. So the princess of the flesh and said to him make this fellow return that he may go back to the place which you have appointed for him do not let him go down with us to battle less than the battle he become our adversary for with what could he reconcile himself to his master if not with the heads of these men.

Is this not David of whom they sang to one another in dances saying soul has slain his thousands and David is ten thousandths. Then a quiche called David and said to him surely as Yahweh lives you have been upright and you're going out and you're coming in with me and the army is good.

In my sight for to this day. I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me. Nevertheless, the Lord's do not favor you. Therefore return now and go in peace that you may not displease the Lords of the flu since. David said to a quiche but what have I done?

And to this day, what have you found in your servant as long as I've been with you that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my Lord the king. Then Akish answered and said to David I know that you're as good in my sight doesn't angel of God.

Nevertheless the princes of the flu symptoms have said he shall not go up with us to the battle. Now therefore rise early in the morning with your master servant who have come with you. And as soon as you are up early in the morning and have light depart. So David and his men rose early to depart in the morning to return to the land of the flucence.

Went up to just real. So far the reading of God's inspired and in there and worked.

Now, this is kind of a long passage but the reason for the length of the passage is it's actually one passage that got interrupted

by another. David has gone over to the Flintstones and he is a liar himself at least as far as a huge thinks with a piece of gap.

And the problem especially arises when Israel is about to fight against the Philistines and a quiche of death wants to take David along. But then right at that point where there is the great question what will happen to David now or what will David do now? We get left with a cliffhanger.

And he goes into the soul account and the salt account begins with salt on the other side of the battle lines. Noticing that they have gathered up for battle and knowing we know it's all doesn't know that David is actually lining up with them. He's in the back of the forces that are lined up right there across the way.

In verse 4 and 5 of chapter 28 and so the Lord gives us the Saul and the the witch of indoor and Samuel right in the middle. Of this passage about David and part of the reason is an order to answer a question that many Bibles callers argue over and that is was what David was doing right?

And the answer in the way that the Holy Spirit gives us the passages no it wasn't right there were some commendable things about it, he very carefully never told a flat out untruth. When he was wiping out the original inhabitants of the land and Israelite territories and when a keys asked where he had gone rating and he would refer to the territory and if he's assumed that David was wiping out Israelites not malachites and gastrites and girdsites.

So David did keep himself from telling an untruth and he did. Helped the people of Israel by taking out these these Gentiles who would frequently raid in these areas of Judah and Benjamin and. And so there were some things that David was doing well, but on the whole the Passage starts with and David said in his heart now.

I shall perish someday by the hand of Saul there is nothing better for me than that. And what doesn't David do? David doesn't do what David was doing back in chapter 23, which is inquiring of Yahweh where he should go and who is going to do what? And so he assumes what Saul is going to do and he assumes that he knows the very best place for him to go.

David is not being like David you know, who's actually kind of being like David a little bit. Saul. Saul sees the Philistines gather. Saul wants the word of Yahweh. But Saul can't have it. Because he ascend against the Lord and the Lord has abandoned him and torn the kingdom away from him.

And Saul even goes so far as to the which of Endor David doesn't take the Lord's name upon his lips at all, but Saul swears by Yahweh to the witch of Endor. And even a quiche the King of Gath swears by Yahweh to David in chapter 29, and so we can see.

The big question that is looming over these three chapters is David going to end up being Saul 2.0. Is he going to be someone who seemed to be doing well at the first? And then he quit inquiring of Yahweh and he started doing according to his own wisdom. And what we have on on balance on the whole is that the only thing that keeps David from ending up being solved.

2.0 is the grace of God. At God who protects David from Saul so that Saul doesn't slay him. God who protects David from the Philistines gets David out of the battle thing. David doesn't actually do anything to get himself out of the battle. God uses the other folist and kings and their memory of that hit song saw his slain his thousands and David his tens of thousands the Lord is the one who delivers David from both soul and from the fliscence.

And the Lord is the one who delivers David from his sin. Because we see in what David was doing. That he is capable of being just as wicked as Saul. In fact when he was wiping out every man woman boy and girl, he was not wiping out the cattle.

Some people say oh well, these are the original inhabitants of the land. David was only carrying out the the orders of the conquest no he wasn't. He was keeping stuff for himself when the Lord hadn't told him to keep stuff for himself and it actually tells us in chapter 27 why he was wiping out man woman boy and girl those so that they couldn't go tell on David it wasn't because they were the enemies of Yahweh.

And the Lord reminds us of that by reminding us of the sin for which saw had been condemned. That he had left some of the sheep alive so that he could quote unquote make a sacrifice to always and he had left King. Age alive as well. So David was not carrying out the will of Lord David was carrying out the will of David he was justifying himself in his mind because he was not believing in God and therefore he was doing whatever he thought he could feel good about while protecting himself instead of trusting in the Lord.

So we see God is the one who delivers us whether it's from friends who are acting like enemies like salt or enemies and we have made a who might think of us as friends every once in a while like the flu symptoms or and this is most importantly. Or for a from our own capacity for sin.

We see here how far David could fall. Later when he doesn't go out to war and he commits adultery of Siva and he executes

Uriah. We know the only hope for David at this point is if God saves him. From the sin into which he has fallen well, that's also that only hope for David in first Samuel chapters 27 to 29 and God did.

And my dear children my dear family says the only hope for us. Every one of us have the capacity to fall into greats and. In our only hope as if the Lord protects us from it the Lord delivers us out of it. Always ask the Lord to lead you not into temptation always ask the Lord to deliver you from the evil.

And especially the evil in your unharmed. Let's pray.

A father in heaven how he thank you for this portion of your word, we thank you for the wisdom of your spirit. Who carried the prophet along as he? Composed this. That we might by the cliffhanger and the interruption have a good understanding of what you are teaching us here.

And we know O Lord just like David we have the capacity for terrible sin each of us in ourselves. And so we come to you asking you that you would lead us not into temptation. And that if by our own actions or in the wisdom of your providence and the actions of others we come into a situation in which there is much occasion intensification for us to sin.

We pray that you would deliver us from the evil and especially the evil in our own hearts. Make us to be believing make us to seek your word make us to trust you make us to be willing that we ourselves should bearish. If that's what it costs in order that we would trust and today you.

Grant to us to know that you are the one who saves us out of every trouble. And that you are only hope for delivering us even from sending against you. Do this for us we ask oh God in Jesus name. Amen.