



**Adult Sunday
School at the
sanctuary**

Lesson-7: David spares Saul's life

Date: 21 Aug
2022 (Sunday)

Time: 9.40am

Venue: Sanctuary



David 7- David spares Saul's life

(1) Background: David had a narrow escape when Saul was summoned to fight against the Philistines (1 Sam 23:26-29).

(2) Saul pursued David in En-gedi. (1 Sam 24:1-2)



David and his men were hiding in a cave.

King Saul needed to relieve himself and went alone into the cave in which David was hiding.

1 Sam 24:3



David and his men were hiding far back in the cave.

David crept up unnoticed on King Saul.



Instead of killing Saul, David cut off the edge of his robe without his noticing it.

‘The Lord forbid that I lay my hands on the King He has anointed,’ he told his men.

1 Sam 24: 5-7



David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, 'The Lord gave you into my hands when you came into the cave and my men wanted to kill you.

But I spared your life as you are the Lord's anointed.'

1 Sam 24: 8-12



Saul said, 'You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly. The Lord gave me into your hands, but you did not kill me.'

1 Sam 24:16-18



King Saul told David that he now knew that David would be the next king of Israel.

He asked David not to kill his descendants or wipe out his family name when he became king. David promised he would not kill Saul's descendants.

1 Sam 24:20-22

(3) Spiritual Lessons

- (a) David could have killed Saul to solve his problem, but did not. Saul was God's anointed king.

- (b) Due to Saul and his enemies. David was fill with fear and distress:
 - (i) Psalm 18: 4-6 – when the Lord delivered David from Saul and his enemies.
 - (ii) Psalm 22: 11-13
 - (iii) Psalm 31: 9-10
 - (iv) Psalm 55:1-6

Yet, David did not take the easy way out by killing Saul.

(c) Do we solve problems by paying heed to God's Word or break God's Word?

For example,

- (i) God's Word not to tell lies. But we tell lies so that we do not get into trouble.
- (ii) God's Word not to cheat. But we cut corners to earn more profit.
- (iii) God's Word to do righteously. But we cover-up the faults of a family member, colleague or friend.

- (iv) God's Word to obey the law of the land. But we commit common offence of jay walking, littering, speeding and other offences.
(Romans 13:1-7)

- (v) God's Word to seek peace. But we engage in a 'tit for tat' argument due to a disagreement.

- (d) Psalm 18:20-24: David's psalm when God delivered him from his enemies and Saul. Do the right thing and God will reward you.

- (e) Was David rewarded for sparing Saul's life?

In groups of 2 to 4 persons:

(a) Do you agree with 'do the right thing according to God's Word and God will reward you'? Give examples.

(b) Personal sharing