

Preparing a King – Grace-giver 1 Samuel 24 & 26 {p. 221} 3/13/2011

But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD'S anointed and be without guilt?"

1 Samuel 26:9

Theme: What is it that everyone needs, what God abundantly supplies, what some gratefully receive and what few gladly extend? _____.

The Power of Grace {Grace- _____ mercy/favor}

1. Grace displayed is _____.

Twice Saul is delivered into David's hand. [24:1-7; 26:1-12]

Commonalities:

- 1) Saul sought David with _____ men.
- 2) David has an opportunity _____ his unaware adversary.
 - Caught in a _____.
 - Caught in a deep _____.
- 3) David refuses to strike the LORD's _____.

Application:

1. Not every fortuitous event experienced is God's will – It may very well be _____ instead.
2. Not all counsel is _____ no matter how good it sounds.

**2. Grace flows naturally from a _____, upright heart.
Twice David explains his gracious actions. [24:8-15; 26:13-20]**

Commonalities:

- 1) David shows himself a _____ of the King & loyal to him.

2) He proves his innocence of evil designs to harm Saul and he calls on the Lord to _____.

3) He exhibits _____.

Application:

1. A person of grace doesn't seek to _____ a wrong suffered.

Romans 12:17a, 19-20

¹⁷ Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. ...

¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." {Quote from Proverbs 25:21-22}

2. A Christ follower will _____ the one who has wronged him.
[1 Corinthians 13:4-8a; Colossians 3:12-13]

3. Grace can _____ the hardest heart. [24:16-22]

Twice Saul is stopped cold in the face of grace. [26:21-25]

Commonalities:

- 1) Saul addresses the grace-giver _____.
- 2) Saul admits his actions as _____ while admitting David's actions as _____.
- 3) He acknowledges the grace-giver's _____ future.

Application:

1. Extending grace is a powerful weapon. Grace has a way of softening the _____ of hearts.
2. Do you realize we are most _____ when we extend grace to another?