



GLENN'S WEEKLY RECAP

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Passage: 1 Samuel 24

Last Sunday we looked at 1 Samuel 24, David spares Saul's life. We saw how David, the man of faith seems to be acting towards New Testament covenant behaviour.

Verse 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. As the old saying goes, *'From evildoers come evil deeds'* so my hand will not touch you". David's attitude certainly parallels Romans 12:17-21: "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: *'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,'* says the Lord. On the contrary: *'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.'* Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good". Again in verse 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." David's trust is still in God's ability to deliver what He promised and David the forerunner twice turns down the opportunity to grab his kingdom by force.

I believe one of the reasons that David didn't kill Saul is that the foundations of his reign would be Faith not blood-stained hands

Zechariah 4:6 "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: *'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,'* says the Lord Almighty."

Jeremiah 17:5 "This is what the Lord says: *'Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord.'*"

The foundations of David's kingdom was not one of fleshly ambition, it wasn't about his ego but of relationship with God; it's all about God's glory and His righteousness and goodness

The forerunner of Christ Philippians 2:6-11 "Though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly



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exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”.

David would not grasp the kingdom He let God raise him up to it.

Luke 9:25 “What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?”.

David – not perfect by any means but a prophetic picture of the one to come the perfect messiah Jesus - we must hold things lightly - not grasping - let go and let God - if he gives it back you have it with resurrection power.

Take a moment to check our foundation are they based on, as followers of Jesus surely they must be based on Matthew 6:33 Seek first God’s kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

In Love Glenn