

1 Samuel 24:6

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A little background on what was going on in today's devotional verse.

King Saul was the king of Israel, and he had disobeyed God, therefore that kingship was taken from him and given to David as a young boy. But David did not rule as king or even acted like he was the king when he was anointed, yet King Saul knew that one day, David would be king, and because of it, Saul went out several times to find David, who was running from Saul because Saul wanted to Kill him.

Well, in today's devotional verse, is was one of those occasions when Saul was chasing after David. During this pursuit of David, Saul had to go to the bathroom, and there were no gas stations, or restaurants or even outhouses that He could have used. So what Saul did was go into a cave to relieve himself. But little did Saul know that David and his men were hiding in this very cave that he was using for a toilet. So while Saul was doing his thing, David had the opportunity to kill Saul and take what God have anointed him to be, which was the king of Israel. But instead David cut off a corner of Saul's robe. Afterwards David felt bad about what he had done and he never killed Saul.

True story, read it for yourself.

† ***1 Samuel 24:1-7 Now it happened, when Saul had returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, "Take note! David is in the Wilderness of En Gedi." Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats. So he came to the sheepfolds by the road, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to attend to his needs. (David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave.) Then the men of David said to him, "This is the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.' " And David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe. Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe. And he said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD." So David restrained his servants with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul got up from the cave and went on his way.***

But what we need to learn from all of this is that even though King David was anointed king, still for years Saul still sat on the throne. King David had several opportunities to kill Saul and take the throne. But, David waited on the Lord to give it to him, even though it was his for the taking. Why? I believe because it was sweeter to have the Lord give it to him than for David to take it, therefore he could not take any glory in what God gave him. If David had just killed Saul or had him killed he could have boasted on what he had taken and how he was made king by killing Saul.

But to be a true king of Israel, was not for the taking, it was only for the giving, and only God could give it to a man who was worthy of such a calling. And as rich as Solomon, David's son was, there has been no greater king in Israel than King David who was truly a man after God's own heart.

So, what has God given you that you are rushing in and taking, no matter who you have to walk over or degrade to get it? Just because God says something is yours, does not always mean it's yours right now, but rather in time it will be yours.

It could be a ministry, where someone feels a calling from the Lord, and they rush into it ahead of God's plan, so they do it wrong and the end results are a failed ministry. But those who wait on the Lord... Oh the bible says it way better than I can.

† ***Psalm 27:14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!***

And who penned this Psalm? None other than King David, who wrote this by his own experience of walking with the Lord. And because he waited on the Lord, he was the greatest King Israel ever had. No greater king has ruled Israel. But a greater king will rule Israel, and that is King Jesus who will come and rule and reign for a thousand years here on this earth, who is also patiently waiting for the Father to say that's it's time to come to this earth and rule and reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

† ***Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.***