

**David: A Man
After God's Own Heart
1 Samuel 24-26**

I. David Respects God's Anointed - 24

1. David has an opportunity to kill Saul - 1-7
David & Saul end up in the same cave - 1-3
David's men encourage him to kill King Saul - 4
David will not touch God's anointed - 5-7
God regards highly His anointed – 1 Chron. 16:20-22
2. He appeals to Saul as a loyal servant - 8-15
He humbly bows before King Saul
He assures Saul he has no desire to kill him
Like God he is gracious to his enemy – Rom. 8-10
3. Saul responds to David's appeal - 16-19
Saul is subdued by David's grace – Rom. 12:17-21
4. Saul recognizes David will be king - 20-22
David promises not to kill Saul's family
A pause in the chase as they go separate ways

II. David Listens to Reason - 25

1. Samuel dies & all Israel mourns -1
Afterward David goes back in hiding
2. David seeks provisions from Nabal - 2-9
Nabal was wealthy with great flocks & herds
David's men gave security for Nabal's men - 7
3. Nabal refuses David anything – 10-11
He charges David with rebellion
4. David prepares to attack Nabal – 12-13
5. Nabal's wife is informed of this - 14-17
They tell her of David's protection
And they speak of Nabal's attitude
6. She prepares supplies for David - 18-19
7. Abigail meets with David - 20-31
She reasons with him as he is intent on killing
Her approach is humble, taking responsibility
"Don't take vengeance on such a man as Nabal"
"Accept the provisions I have brought"
"When you are king you will regret this act"
8. David responds and spares Nabal - 32-36
9. She tells Nabal & God takes his life – 37-38
10. Abigail becomes David's wife - 39-42
11. David adds another wife – Ahinoam – 43-44

III. David Learns to Wait on God - 26

1. Saul is told where David is hiding - 1-3
He comes with 3,000 men
2. David comes to where Saul rests – 4-7
Saul is surrounded by his men
David & Abishai went by night to Saul
3. Abishai volunteers to kill Saul – 8
4. David will not allow him to do it – 9-11
Reminding him again that Saul is God's anointed
David is willing to wait on God's time
God may take his life, he may die in battle

- David will not be responsible for his death
5. David takes his spear & canteen – 12
God protects David with a deep sleep
 6. David reveals himself to Abner – 13-16
Abner is responsible to protect Saul
David charges him with dereliction of duty
 7. Saul recognizes David's voice – 17
 8. David humbly speaks to Saul – 18-20
As a servant he asks what has he done
If guilty he is willing to suffer the penalty
If he is not guilty he begs Saul's mercy
 9. Saul promises not to harm David – 21-25
They depart in peace