

In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL

1 Samuel 26:1-25

Saul & David...Again!

Déjà vu...almost!

➤ *What is re-emphasized?*

1. Trust in the Lord's yet unfulfilled promise and ultimate justice
2. The Lord's protection of David by various means
3. The reassurance of God's promise to David
4. The innocence of David and the guilt of Saul

Déjà vu...almost!

➤ *What is new?*

1. A greater incentive for vengeance
 - Saul remained unchanged by David's previous display of mercy
 - the circumstances (and Abishai) presented a strong temptation to take vengeance

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➤ *What is new?*

2. A greater resolve to trust God
 - David's trust was displayed in putting himself in a position to kill Saul in order to show his innocence
 - David trusted that the Lord would deal justly with Saul, though he knew not how or when

Déjà vu...almost!

➤ *What is new?*

3. A greater evidence of Yahweh's activity
 - the report of the Lord's unusual action showed His protection of and presence with David
 - Saul was defenseless ("spear-less") because the Lord was with David

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➤ *Interpreting God's Providence*

- we do not usually know how God will bring about His purposes in His providence
- we should never interpret God's providence to justify disobedience to His word

Prefiguring Jesus

➤ *"the Christ must suffer"*

1. Jesus "learned obedience from the things which He suffered" (Heb. 5:8)
2. Jesus, in obedience to His Father, refused to take vengeance in order to avoid suffering (Matt. 26:53-54)