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1 . David Spares Saul a Second Time. .

The Ziphites came to Saul to Gibeah, saying, “Doesn’t David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before the desert?”

2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 Saul encamped in the hill of Hachilah, which is before the desert, by the way. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul had certainly come.

5 David arose, and came to the place where Saul had encamped; and David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his army: and Saul lay within the place of the wagons, and the people were encamped around him.

6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, “Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp?”

Abishai said, “I will go down with you.”

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the place of the wagons, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people lay around him.

8 Then Abishai said to David, “ELOHIM has delivered up your enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore please let me strike him with the spear to the earth at one stroke, and I will not strike him the second time.”

9 David said to Abishai, “Don’t destroy him; for who can put forth his hand against YHWH’s anointed, and be guiltless?”

10 David said, “As YHWH lives, YHWH will strike him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall go down into battle and perish.

11 YHWH forbid that I should put forth my hand against YHWH’s anointed; but now please take the spear that is at his head, and the jar of water, and let us go.”

12 So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul’s head; and they went away: and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither did any awake; for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from YHWH was fallen on them.

13 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of the mountain afar off; a great space being between them;

14 and David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, “Don’t you answer, Abner?” Then Abner answered, “Who are you who cries to the king?”

15 David said to Abner, “Aren’t you a man? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not kept watch over your master, the king? For one of the people came in to destroy the king your master.

16 This thing isn’t good that you have done. As YHWH lives, you are worthy to die, because you have not kept watch over your master, YHWH’s anointed. Now see where the king’s spear is, and the jar of water that was at his head.”

17 Saul knew David’s voice, and said, “Is this your voice, my son David?” David said, “It is my voice, my master, O king.”

18 He said, “Why does my master pursue after his servant? For what have I done? Or what evil is in my hand?”

19 Now therefore, please let my master the king hear the words of his servant. If it is so that YHWH has stirred you up against me, let him accept an offering. But if it is the children of men, they are cursed before YHWH; for they have driven me out this day that I shouldn’t cling to YHWH’s inheritance, saying, ‘Go, serve other gods!’

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20 Now therefore, don't let my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of YHWH; for the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

21 Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David; for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly."

22 David answered, "Behold the spear, O king! Then let one of the young men come over and get it.

23 YHWH will render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; because YHWH delivered you into my hand today, and I wouldn't put forth my hand against YHWH's anointed.

24 Behold, as your life was respected this day in my eyes, so let my life be respected in the eyes of YHWH, and let him deliver me out of all oppression."

25 Then Saul said to David, "You are blessed, my son David. You shall both do mightily, and shall surely prevail." So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

Psalms 69.

1 **. To the Chief Musician. Set to The Lilies. A Psalm of David..**

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Lilies." By David. Save me, ELOHIM, for the waters have come up to my neck!

2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold. I have come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary with my crying. My throat is dry. My eyes fail, looking for my ELOHIM!

4 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head. Those who want to cut me off, being my enemies wrongfully, are mighty. I have to restore what I didn't take away.

5 ELOHIM, you know my foolishness. My sins aren't hidden from you.

6 Don't let those who wait for you be shamed through me, ADONAI YHWH of Hosts. Don't let those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, ELOHIM of Israel.

7 Because for your sake, I have borne reproach. Shame has covered my face.

8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's children.

9 For the zeal of your house consumes me. The reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

10 When I wept and I fasted, that was to my reproach.

11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.

12 Those who sit in the gate talk about me. I am the song of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, YHWH, in an acceptable time. ELOHIM, in the abundance of your loving kindness, answer me in the truth of your salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and don't let me sink. Let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the deep waters.

15 Don't let the flood waters overwhelm me, neither let the deep swallow me up. Don't let the pit shut its mouth on me.

16 Answer me, YHWH, for your loving kindness is good. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, turn to me.

17 Don't hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress. Answer me speedily!

18 Draw near to my soul, and redeem it. Ransom me because of my enemies.

19 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor. My adversaries are all before you.

20 Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness. I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; for comforters, but I found none.

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- 21 They also gave me gall for my food. In my thirst, they gave me vinegar to drink.
- 22 Let their table before them become a snare. May it become a retribution and a trap.
- 23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they can't see. Let their backs be continually bent.
- 24 Pour out your indignation on them. Let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.
- 25 Let their habitation be desolate. Let no one dwell in their tents.
- 26 For they persecute him whom you have wounded. They tell of the sorrow of those whom you have hurt.
- 27 Charge them with crime upon crime. Don't let them come into your righteousness.
- 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of life, and not be written with the righteous.
- 29 But I am in pain and distress. Let your salvation, ELOHIM, protect me.
- 30 I will praise the name of ELOHIM with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.
- 31 It will please YHWH better than an ox, or a bull that has horns and hoofs.
- 32 The humble have seen it, and are glad. You who seek after ELOHIM, let your heart live.
- 33 For YHWH hears the needy, and doesn't despise his captive people.
- 34 Let heaven and earth praise him; the seas, and everything that moves therein!
- 35 For ELOHIM will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah. They shall settle there, and own it.
- 36 The children also of his servants shall inherit it. Those who love his name shall dwell therein.

Proverbs 26.

- 1 Like snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool.
- 2 Like a fluttering sparrow, like a darting swallow, so the undeserved curse doesn't come to rest.
- 3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools!
- 4 Don't answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him.
- 5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.
- 6 One who sends a message by the hand of a fool is cutting off feet and drinking violence.
- 7 Like the legs of the lame that hang loose: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
- 8 As one who binds a stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a fool.
- 9 Like a thornbush that goes into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
- 10 As an archer who wounds all, so is he who hires a fool or he who hires those who pass by.
- 11 As a dog that returns to his vomit, so is a fool who repeats his folly.
- 12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion roams the streets!"
- 14 As the door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his bed.
- 15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish. He is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth.
- 16 The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer with discretion.
- 17 Like one who grabs a dog's ears is one who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own.
- 18 Like a madman who shoots torches, arrows, and death,
- 19 is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "Am I not joking?"
- 20 For lack of wood a fire goes out. Without gossip, a quarrel dies down.
- 21 As coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindling strife.

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- 22 The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels, they go down into the innermost parts.
- 23 Like silver dross on an earthen vessel are the lips of a fervent one with an evil heart.
- 24 A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but he harbors evil in his heart.
- 25 When his speech is charming, don't believe him; for there are seven abominations in his heart.
- 26 His malice may be concealed by deception, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.
- 27 Whoever digs a pit shall fall into it. Whoever rolls a stone, it will come back on him.
- 28 A lying tongue hates those it hurts; and a flattering mouth works ruin.

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