

1 Samuel 24
Blue Bible, pg 314

LIFE OF

DAVID

SHEPHERD



KING

FUGITIVE – PART 2 – SPARING

1. God has put His image and/or Spirit on people. Therefore, hold your fire—don't strike back— because attack on people is an attack on God himself.

1 John 2:20 (ESV)

*...you have been **anointed** by the Holy One,*

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (ESV)

***21** And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has **anointed** us,
22 and who has also put his seal on us and given us his **Spirit** in our hearts as a guarantee.*

Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV)

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing

Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV)

that creeps on the earth.”²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

“...since man has sinned, he is certainly not fully like God as he was before. His moral purity has been lost and his sinful character certainly does not reflect God’s holiness. His intellect is corrupted by falsehood and misunderstanding; his speech no

longer continually glorifies God; his relationships are often governed by selfishness rather than love, and so forth. [Yet] man is still in God's image...there is still enough likeness to God remaining in him that to murder a person...is to attack the part of

creation that most resembles God, and it betrays an attempt or desire...to attack God himself.”

(Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology, page 444)

James 3:8b-10 (ESV)

8b [Tongue] is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

2. Plead your case with humility and respect (1 Samuel 24:8-15)

“Rather than cursing his ruler, David honored him by calling him both ‘my lord’ and ‘the king.’ Rather than falling upon Saul in a murderous attack, David fell upon the ground ‘and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.’

“Following these verbal and actional signals of loyalty to the king, David uttered what is perhaps the most passionate and eloquent plea for reconciliation between persons recorded in all ancient literature.”

“In his appeal, David tactfully avoided accusing Saul of being the one who initiated hurtful actions against him. It was not Saul but unnamed ‘men’ (v. 9) who concocted the idea that ‘David is bent on harming’ the king. Having

affirmed his support for Saul and disavowed a belief that Saul was ultimately responsible for the present problem, David then brought forward evidence to suggest that the premise upon which the attacks against David were based was entirely false.”

**(The New American Commentary on
1 and 2 Samuel, page 240)**

**3. Trust God to administer His
justice...rather than taking matters
into your own hands
(1 Samuel 24:12, 15)**

1 Samuel 24:12, 15 (ESV)

- ***12 May the LORD judge between me and you, may the LORD avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you.***

1 Samuel 24:12, 15 (ESV)

- ***15 May the LORD therefore be judge and give sentence between me and you, and see to it and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand.***

Romans 12:19, Deuteronomy 32:35 (ESV)

***Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
but leave it to the wrath of God, for
it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I
will repay, says the Lord.”***

Psalm 57 (ESV)

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO DO NOT DESTROY. A MIKTAM OF DAVID, WHEN HE FLED FROM SAUL, IN THE CAVE.

¹ Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take

Psalm 57 (ESV)

refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. ² I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. ³ He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. Selah.

Psalm 142 (ESV)

A MASKIL OF DAVID, WHEN HE WAS IN THE CAVE. A PRAYER.

¹ With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD. ² I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.

Psalm 142 (ESV)

³ When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me. ⁴ Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul. ⁵ I cry

Psalm 142 (ESV)

to you, O LORD; I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”⁶ Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!⁷ Bring me out of prison, that I may

Psalm 142 (ESV)

give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

**W. Oscar Thompson, *Concentric
Circles of Concern*, page 171.**

***Do you have people who really bug
you? Begin praying right now for the
number one person who bugs you. This
person may have things going on in life
that you know nothing about. This***

person may have a deep problem. This person may be in despair. This person needs your love, not your criticism or your striking back at him/her. Maybe you are God's person to reach out and show God's love. Who is going to help this person if you don't?

Genesis 4:23-24 (ESV)

“I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me. If Cain's revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold.”

Leviticus 24:19-20 (ESV)

***19 If anyone injures his neighbor, as he has done it shall be done to him,
20 fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; whatever injury he has given a person shall be given to him.***

Matthew 5:38-47 (ESV)

38 You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

39 But I say to you, do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Matthew 5:38-47 (ESV)

43 You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” 44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:38-47 (ESV)

...⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

Jesus

Moses

Lamech

Excessive Response