

Important Decision? Relying On God Alone! Part 2

1 Samuel 24

1. Providential Perspective vs. 1-3

Saul entering the cave that David and his men were hiding in was no surprise to God. God allowed this experience for His purpose to prepare David to become the next King.

Our sovereign God providentially directs all things in order that they accomplish His purpose. (Dan. 4:35; Romans 8:28). Therefore, when we face each day, we should place our complete trust in God, as we prayerfully consider how to respond to each opportunity or event that we face.

2. Prophetic Word Evaluation vs. 4-7

David's men interpreted this event as God's direction for David to kill Saul. As David cut off a corner of Saul's robe, David realized that God did not approve the words of his men, and so out of reverence to God, David spared Saul's life.

There will be times when a believer will interpret a situation or an event as a message from God. Our first response is to analyze the perceived message to make sure it is not contrary to scripture (1 Thessalonians 5:19-22, 2 Timothy 3:16, 1 Corinthians 14:29), and a conviction from the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:16, 1 John 5:6) and not based upon self interest.

3. Position of Reverence vs. 9-22

David's decision to confront Saul in front of the king's 3000 soldiers for the past wrongs he did towards David because David chose to follow God's direction; displaying reverence towards God.

To have a position of reverence for God begins with honouring God with our thoughts we dwell on, and the words and actions we do. Like David, we are to revere all that God stands for and all that rightly brings God glory.

Questions:

- How can we know if something is "from God" or not?
- What pressures was David experiencing that could influence him to take matters into his own hands and kill Saul? What are some ways that these types of pressures may look like in our lives today?
- Are you as content as David seems to be to simply let God's will to be done.... In His timing? Or are you likely to "help God out" in some way? In what ways might we try to help God out?
- We are to revere God with our lives. How can you remind yourself this week of who God has called you to be and what He has called you to do?