

The Man After God's Own Heart

Trusting God's Way

1 Samuel 24.1-7

Now when Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, saying, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi." **2** Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. **3** He came to the sheepfolds on the way, where there *was* a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself.

Now David and his men were sitting in the inner recesses of the cave. **4** The men of David said to him, "Behold, *this is* the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold; I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.'" Then David arose and cut off the edge of Saul's robe secretly. **5** It came about afterward that David's conscience bothered him because he had cut off the edge of Saul's *robe*. **6** So he said to his men, "Far be it from me because of the Lord that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the Lord's anointed." **7** David persuaded his men with *these* words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul arose, left the cave, and went on *his* way.

If we are to honor God, we must do it His way.

You Don't Mess With The Lord's Anointed

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To David, Saul was God's way of accomplishing God's will. A man who honors God never opposes how God chooses to accomplish His will.

You don't mess with the way God is honored.

Doing God's Will God's Way

Don't take the way God wants things done and replace it with the way you want things done and then blame God.

There is always a path to get you where God wants you to be.