

1 Samuel 24 keywords

When Saul returned **after** following the Philistines, he was told, "**Behold**, David is in the wilderness of En-gedi." Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to look for David and his men in the direction of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. He came to the sheepfolds beside the road, where there was a **cave**; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the **cave**. The men of David said to him, "**Behold**, the day of which **YHWH** said to you, '**Behold**, I will give your enemy into your **hand**, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.'" Then David **rose up** and stealthily **cut off a corner of Saul's cloak**. **Afterward** David was stricken to the heart because he had **cut off a corner of Saul's cloak**. He said to his men, "**YHWH** forbid that I should do this thing to **my lord, YHWH's anointed, to raise** my **hand** against him; for he is **YHWH's anointed**." So David scolded his men severely and did not permit them to **rise up against** Saul. Then Saul **rose up** and left the **cave**, and went on his way. **Afterwards** David also **rose up** and went out of the **cave** and called **after** Saul, "**My lord the king!**" When Saul looked **after** him, David bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance. David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of those who say, '**Behold**, David seeks to do you harm'? **Behold**, this very day your eyes have seen how **YHWH** gave you into my **hand** in the **cave**; and a man urged me **to kill you**, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not raise my **hand** against **my lord**; for he is **YHWH's anointed**.' See, yes, see, my father, see the **corner of your cloak** in my **hand**; for by the fact that I cut off the **corner of your cloak**, and **did not kill you**, you may know for certain that there is no wrong or treason in my **hands**. I have not sinned against you, though you are hunting me to take my life. May **YHWH** judge between me and you! May **YHWH** avenge me on you; but my **hand** shall not be against you. As the ancient proverb says, 'Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness'; but my **hand** shall not be against you. **After** whom has the king of Israel come out? **After** whom do you pursue? **After** a dead dog? **After** a single flea? May **YHWH** therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and you. May he see to it, and plead my cause, and vindicate me against you." When David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" Saul lifted up his voice and wept. He said to David, "You are more righteous than I; for you have repaid me **good**, whereas I have repaid you evil. Today you have explained how you have made **good** with me, in that **you did not kill me** when **YHWH** put me into your **hands**. For who has ever found an enemy, and sent the enemy in a **good** way? So may **YHWH** reward you with **good** for what you have done to me this day. **Behold**, now I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel **shall rise up** in your **hand**. And now, swear to me therefore by **YHWH** that you will not cut off my descendants **after** me, and that you will not wipe out my name from my father's house." So David swore this to Saul. Then Saul went home; but David and his men went up to the stronghold.