

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

Appreciating God’s Providence in All of Life

The Life of David, VIII

I Samuel 26-30

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INTRODUCTION

I. DAVID SPARES SAUL AGAIN ~ Chapter 26

THESIS: *We can know that God is working all things for our good just as He worked in David’s life. We may not understand the who’s, why’s, how’s and what’s, but we can know that ALL things are working together for our good (Romans 8:28).*

A. David and Abishai

B. David and Abner

C. David and Saul

For Further Study: Psalm 59; Proverbs 16:7; II Timothy 4:18

II. DAVID DECEIVES ACHISH ~ Chapter 27

THESIS: *There are times when we find ourselves in difficult situations, and it is of our own doing. It might even be the result of a sin in our lives. But that does not mean that God cannot or will not bring good from it. While this is not an excuse for sin, we will do good to remember that God is bigger than our mistakes.*

For Further Study: Isaiah 40:1-2; 43;59:1; Romans 8:28

III. SAUL'S FINAL REJECTION ~ Chapter 28

THESIS: *The most hopeless misery in all of life is to be abandoned by God.*

For Further Study: Deuteronomy 18:9-14; I Samuel 13:8-23; 15; Psalm 30:7; 13:1, 3; John 6:67-68; Romans 1:18ff; Hebrews 6:4-6

IV. THE PHILISTINES REJECT DAVID ~ I Samuel 29

THESIS: *God's providence can be likened to an invisible hand. The Lord is always moving in our lives, but often we do not discern His work until after the fact. He is guiding and directing all things for our good and His glory, but He does not always announce His presence with great acclaim. As His people, we can be sure He is working for our benefit even when He seems absent.*

For Further Study: Proverbs 16:33; Ephesians 1:11

V. DAVID RESCUES THE PEOPLE OF ZIKLAG ~ Chapter 30

THESIS: *We do not strengthen ourselves in the Lord through mystical experiences or other esoteric activities. Instead, we find strength in God as we meditate on His Word and remember His promises to us. His Word is sure, and it gives life as His Spirit works through it to regenerate His people and to give them spiritual strength. If we feel weak this day, let us turn to the Word of God and be strengthened in Him.*

For Further Study: Psalm 110:1; 119:25, 28; John 5:24; Acts 15:32; I Corinthians 4:7; II Timothy 2:13

CONCLUSION