

The Book Of 1 Samuel

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

Good Shepherd Baptist Church

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Lesson 55 The Master's Plan (1 Samuel 30:13)

There is much more we can and will learn from our study of 1 Samuel 30. This servant reminds of what a saint, what a servant of the Lord can know. There is so much about the plans of God that the saint of God knows.

- We know who the Lord is
- We know who we are
- We know much about what the Lord has done
- We know much about what the Lord is doing
- We know much about what the Lord will do

1st Point The Servant's Knowledge

- This servant was well acquainted with the plans of Israel's enemy. He knew exactly what the enemy had done.
- He led David and his men to the exact location of the enemy.
- Saints, let's think about this for a moment.

- * *We know who our enemy is* 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion walketh, about, seeking whom he may devour

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

- * *We know his tactics* (2 Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for **we are not ignorant of his devices**.)
- *We know what he has done and is still seeking to do* Revelation 12:9 And that great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, **which deceiveth the whole world**.

Revelation 13:14 And **deceiveth them that dwell on the earth**...

- *We know the sole motivation of the enemy* (1 Samuel 30:16) When David and his men came down and saw the enemy, they saw thieves and robbers. Is that not what our Lord tells us in John 10:10? **The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and kill, and to destroy**...
- *We know the motivation of our Lord*. HE tells us in John 10:10...**I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly**.

2nd Point **The Wicked Party & Punishment (1 Samuel 30:16-17)**

- In **verse 16** we see the wicked's party. That's a real good picture of the world today. The wicked are enjoying the pleasures of their sinful lust. They are eating and drinking; indulging in all that sin offers.
- But, in **verses 17** we see the wicked's punishment. What we see is a complete slaughter of the enemy.
 - Let's you and I notice that the punishment was swift, without warning. One moment they are partying, the next moment they are gone, wiped out.
 - **1 Peter 3:10** tells us: **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and works that are therein shall be burned up.**
- When we read **verse 17**, we discover something very, very important.
- 400 Amalekites escaped death.
 - They escaped death because they fled.
 - When we think about it, you and I are saved because we have fled in faith to the Lord Jesus, our Savior.
 - Do we remember the words of John the Baptist in **Luke 3:7**? **Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?**

3rd Point **Two More Wise Decisions (1 Samuel 30:21-31)**

- The rest of chapter 30 deals with two more wise decisions that David made.
- Let's deal with the *1st wise decision* that David made.
- If we remember David had 600 men. 200 of those 600 men stopped at a place called Besor Ravine. Note 1 Samuel 30:21.
- The journey was too rough for these 200 men so they stayed at this location and protected the supplies of David and the 400 men who went down to the battle.
- When David return from the victory with the 400 men and all the spoils of victory the 400 men did not want to share with the 200 men who remained behind.
- David makes a brilliant decision that day that would become a principle that would be followed throughout Israel's history.
- Here's the principle: **(1 Samuel 30:24)** The share of the bounty for the 200 men who stayed behind with the supplies is to be the same as that of the 400 men who went down to the battle.
- Saints, remember what **Romans 2:12** says. What does **Ephesians 4:7** teach us?
- What does **James 1:5** teach us?
- David's *2nd wise decision* was David returned the properties stolen by the Amalekites from the cities and towns of Judah. **(1 Samuel 30:26-31)**
- These cities and towns of Judah never forgot David's concern for them, and when David became King, they enthusiastically supported David.

If mortal men and women don't forget your love and concern for them, what about the Holy, and loving, and gracious God.

I love what the Scriptures teach us about our God. **Ecclesiastes 12:14**, & **Mark 9:41**; & **Hebrews 6:10**