

1 Samuel 30:11-31:13

He has Preserved Us

How has God protected you?

How has God saved you?

Do you give God glory for all that He does for you?

How is God providing for you now?

Do you lead others to do right and share what you have?

All you have is from God! Do you value and help others, even if they may not have done something to earn it?

Vs 11-15 David's people were taken captive. **David inquired of God.** God told David to go rescue his people. David had 400 men. 200 men stayed behind.

Do you inquire of God? When God tells you what to do, do you obey him?

David gets intel from a young man who had been left behind on the raiding party.

The witness confirms all that had happened.

Sometimes, it looks like a sick young man left behind. Sometimes, it is God's plan to help God's people.

God is helping us and working for His people all of the time. We can trust Him!

As we see God save, bless, protect, and provide as a disciple of Christ it should build our faith!

When times get tough do you doubt God or trust in God?

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.*

Hebrews 11:17-19 *By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.*

1 Corinthians 1:9 *God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

2 Corinthians 5:6 *So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to*

please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

To be held by the enemy seems like David and his men have the upper hand on the young man. David treated the young man with provisions and respect. The young man does agree to lead David and his men to the enemy camp as long as he keeps his life.

Vs 16-20 The Amalekites attacked the village when the Philistines were gone. Now they are attacked when their guard was down and they were partying. **We must stay alert in our spiritual walk.**

Where in your life right now are you lazy, negligent, or vulnerable in your spiritual walk?

1 Peter 5:8 *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

David and his men attacked, won, and took their families and the spoils back. God provides and God is the one who makes us victorious. We can trust in God.

Vs 21-25 When God prospers us we can become prideful and selfish, or we can look down on others. **We must fight pride and selfishness.**

1 John 2:16 *For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.*

David is clear that they were victorious and have what they have because God preserved them.

Do you give God credit for what you have or do you take credit? Are you benevolent or selfish?

David makes it a statute that doing the little things for the team means a lot. The church needs to keep this in mind.

Vs 26-31 David is always generous and shares what he has. Do you share?

Vs 1-13 God's word from Samuel came true. Saul and his sons would die. Later, David would be king.

Saul was king and he strayed away from God. His pride and selfishness and lack of selfless leadership makes for an embarrassing rule as king and an embarrassing shameful death.

Saul believed in God, but did not follow him. As a Christian we can live for God or live for ourselves. We will go to heaven if we trust in Jesus as Lord, but we can have a blessed and eternal life if we live for God in the day to day. Are you living for God now? If not, turn to Him and walk with Him!

1 Peter 4:8-11 *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

We can trust God. He is the perfect King. Every worldly king will fail, but God will not.

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Jesus is the only King who did not sin or fall. Jesus is better than Saul and David.

God puts all leaders in place and God can take them out.

God's prophecy always comes true. God helps us now and God is coming back for us.

As humans, we should follow Christ as our King. He saves us, helps us, delivers us, and provides for us forever.

1 Peter 1:3-9 Lord's Supper Passage

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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