



# 9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

## 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 24: Smoting My Own Heart

### I. 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 23:24-29

- A. David is in En Gedi and still on the run
- B. Psalm 54 - Rock of Parting?

### II. vv.1-2

- A. YHWH has protected David in spite of his mess-ups from Chapter 21: 1) Priests at Nob 2) Fleeing to King Achish at Gath
  - Saul continues to pursue David to kill him
  - This is after he realizes “till I know what God will do for me” - Ch.22

### III. v.3

- A. Had to be a big cave if it had sheep and David’s men – who knows the number
- B. What is “relieving himself”? Why is this in here? David has the ULTIMATE advantage

### IV. vv.4-7

- A. David’s men think this is surely a gift from God
- B. v.4 - When did God speak these words to David? Seems like it would have made the cut for Scripture Maybe just David’s witnessing?
- C. Why doesn’t David kill Saul?
  1. He knows God will take care of the business He wants done
  2. David knew he had a promise from God but he didn’t know how God was going to work it out
  3. I can’t justify sinning in order to be in God’s plan - Genesis 22 - God had a covenant with Abraham and he obeyed just like David did

D. What's the difference in waiting ON the LORD and waiting FOR the LORD?

- F B Meyer: *The Secret of Guidance*:
  - o ON: prayer, supplication, indication of His will
  - o FOR: patience, submission and interpretation of His hand

E. What's with the robe cutting? 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:27-28

## V. Psalm 57

A. v.1 - mercy and mercy - only time in OT twice used as a personal plea - Also Refuge and refuge

B. v.7 – Hebrew is literally: heart fixed God heart fixed sing praise

C. v.9 - notice David speaks to his Lord not to YHWH - *adonay* Why?: For all the peoples and nations

## VI. vv.9-15

A. Longest David speech in OT

B. v.12 – the LORD may kill you but I'm not

C. v.15 – more faith and trust

## VII. vv.16-22

A. Another David and Saul comparison - Why did Saul weep?

B. v.22 - Why did David stay in En Gedi?

## VIII. Back to v.5 - “his heart smote him” KJV

A. Growing and Smoting – Greek for growing - *auxano* αὐξάνω

B. Ephesians 4:11-16

C. John 3:30 – “He must auxano, but I must decrease.”

D. 2nd Peter 3:18

How many “cave lessons” do I need before I start my *auxano*?

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