

Chapter 24 David Acts with Wisdom

or “How do YOU spell RELIEF?” and “Ouch! My achy breaky heart!”

24:1-7 David Spares His King

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Chapter 25 David Must Learn Wisdom

Or “The Lady Doth Deal With Fools” and “Fools Rush In to a Stoney End”

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Chapter 26 David Must Practice Wisdom

Or “If at first you don’t succeed, skydiving is not for you”

26:1-5 Deja Vu “All Over Again”

26:6-12 Like the Lone Ranger and Tonto

26:13-20 Wake Me When It’s Over?

26:21-25 David Pleads—Does Saul Repent?

The Purpose Clauses (from the NASB):

1Sa 25:21 Now David had said, “Surely in vain have I guarded all that this fellow has in the wilderness, ***so that 1) nothing was missed*** of all that belonged to him, and **2) he has returned me evil for good. (#1 was their purpose— #2 is the result)**

1Sa 24:6 So he said to his men, “Far be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD'S anointed, ***to stretch*** out my hand against him, since he is the LORD'S anointed.”

1Sa 25:37 But in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him ***so that he became*** as a stone. ***(This is result—not Abigail’s purpose—but the result is God’s purpose—he dies.***

Go to the parable Jesus tells in Luke—But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’

Lu 12:20. I wonder if Jesus had Nabal in mind!

1Sa 26:19 “Now therefore, please let my lord the king listen to the words of his servant. If the LORD has stirred you up against me, let Him accept an offering; but if it is men, cursed are they before the LORD, for they have driven me out today ***so that 1) I would have no attachment*** with the inheritance of the LORD, saying, **2) ‘Go, serve other gods.’** ***(Notice sometimes there is a dual purpose, or the motive is defined)***