

We will begin the eleventh lecture on 1 Samuel. /Today we will begin with 1 Samuel chapter 29. /The title is, "The Israelites and the Philistines Fight." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, the Israelites and the Philistines gather their forces. /Verse 1. /Second, David joins the Philistine army. /Verses 2-3. /Third, the Philistine commanders become angry with David's participation. /Verses 4-5. /Fourth, Achish sends David away. /Verses 6-11.

/Read verse 1. /The Philistines gathered all their forces at Aphek, and Israel camped by the spring in Jezreel.

/The Philistines gathered their forces at Aphek. /The Israelites camped in Jezreel. /The Israelites and the Philistines went to battle with each other.

/Verse 2. /As the Philistine rulers marched with their units of hundreds and thousands, David and his men were marching at the rear with Achish.

/When the Philistine army marched forward, David and his men marched with them. /In verse 3, the commanders of the Philistines rejected the Hebrews. /"Is this not David, who was an officer of Saul?" /Achish defended David.

/"I have found no fault in him." /It was disgraceful for David to take part in the Philistine war. /How wrong was it for him to participate in the war and attack his own nation?

/Verse 4. /But the Philistine commanders were angry with him and said, "Send the man back, that he may return to the place you assigned him. He must not go with us into battle, or he will turn against us during the fighting. How better could he regain his master's favor than by taking the heads of our own men?"

/The Philistine commanders continued to reject David. /They knew what David was capable of. /The commanders worried about what would happen if David turned against them in battle.

/"What will you do if David turns against us during the fighting, and he regains Saul's favor by taking the heads of our own men?" /The Philistine commanders were against David's participation in the battle.

/Verse 6. /So Achish called David and said to him, "As surely as the LORD lives, you have been reliable, and I would be pleased to have you serve with me in the army. From the day you came to me until now, I have found no fault in you, but the rulers don't approve of you.

/The Philistine commanders were against David. /Thus, King Achish could not take David with him.

/Verse 8. /"But what have I done?" asked David. "What have you found against your

servant from the day I came to you until now? Why can't I go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?"

/David was not allowed to go into battle. /David could not fight against his own nation of Israel. /Thus, David told King Achish that he was upset that he could not go into battle.

/David probably was not sincere when he said this. /David was weak in heart and he flattered Achish. /In any case, God kept David from going into war.

/When David did wrong, God stopped him. /Sometimes, when we are about to sin, God puts up a wall of thorns and stops us. /God loved David, and kept him from making a mistake.

/However, David needed to be punished by God for his sins. /When David tried to take part in the war, the Amalekites from Ziklag attacked. /30:1-3.

/The Amalekites raided Ziklag and took the people captive. /The Amalekites took all the goods with them. /God punished David through this.

/We will continue with 1 Samuel chapter 30. /The title is, "Restoration of Ziklag." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, the Amalekites raid Ziklag. /Verses 1-6. /Second, David inquires of God, and pursues the Amalekites. /Verses 7-10. /Third, a slave of the Amalekites guides them. /Verses 11-15. /Fourth, they destroy the Amalekites and seize everything. /Verses 16-20.

/Fifth, they share the goods. /Verses 21-25. /Sixth, the goods seized by David are sent to the elders of Judah as a present. /Verses 26-30.

/Verses 1-2. /David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day. Now the Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag and burned it, and had taken captive the women and all who were in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way.

/David was going to join the Philistine army. /David was about to invade his nation of Israel. /The Philistine commanders kept David from taking part in the battle. /God stopped David.

/Yet, in today's chapter, God punishes David. /The Amalekites plundered Ziklag while David was not there. /The Amalekites took all the women and children in Ziklag captive.

/Verse 6. /David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the LORD his God.

/David's men were greatly distressed. /David's men lost their families. /They lost their

riches. /The city was burned down. /This was a big incident. /David had six hundred men.

/There were six hundred men. /Therefore, these men became angry and wanted to stone David. /David protected, fed, and took care of these six hundred men. /However, these men were very angry because they lost their inheritance and families.

/The men wanted to kill David. /David had no choice but to pray to God. /It would have been no use to depend on people here. /People betray and run away. /People kill and betray others if it will benefit them.

/Verse 7. /Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Bring me the ephod." Abiathar brought it to him,

/David repented and prayed to God. /David then sought God's will through the priest. /David asked God, "Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?"

/God answered, "Pursue them." /David left behind 200 of his 600 men. /David took his 400 men and pursued the Amalekites.

/Verse 11. /They found an Egyptian in a field and brought him to David. They gave him water to drink and food to eat--

/David's men pursued the Amalekites. /They found an Egyptian in a field. /The Egyptian boy was a slave of an Amalekite. /The Amalekites abandoned him when he became sick.

/David gave him food and strengthened him. /Then David received his guidance.

/Verse 16. /He led David down, and there they were, scattered over the countryside, eating, drinking and reveling because of the great amount of plunder they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from Judah.

/The slave of an Amalekite led David. /David was able to easily chase after the Amalekites. /The Amalekites thought they had won the war, and they were eating, drinking, and reveling.

/Then David suddenly attacked them. /David attacked when they were drunk, eating and reveling. /Some escaped and the rest were killed. /None of the Amalekites got away except four hundred men who rode off on camels.

/Verse 18. /David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives.

/David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken. /David and his men's wives and children returned to them. /They recovered their lost possessions. /They brought back even more things.

/The Amalekites were caught off guard as they celebrated their victory, and they were ruined. /David was ruined as well, but when he repented and obeyed God's will, he ultimately gained victory.

/Verse 21. /Then David came to the two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow him and who were left behind at the Besor Ravine. They came out to meet David and the people with him. As David and his men approached, he greeted them.

/David won and returned with the 400 men. /The 200 who were left behind welcomed and greeted David. /Some of David's followers, who were evil men and troublemakers, said, "We will not share with them the plunder we recovered."

/Verse 24. /Who will listen to what you say? The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike."

/David said that they were to equally share the goods they recovered. /David persuaded the evil men and troublemakers. /When David shared his opinion, he was able to persuade them well. /Hence, the men equally shared the goods they brought back.

/David was a leader, and he properly led his men. /All the men then participated in the grace and blessings, and rejoiced.

/Verse 26. /When David arrived in Ziklag, he sent some of the plunder to the elders of Judah, who were his friends, saying, "Here is a present for you from the plunder of the LORD's enemies."

/David gained large quantities of plunder and goods. /He sent some of them as presents to his friends, the elders of Judah. /David did not keep everything for himself, but shared with others.

/God blessed David and allowed him to gain victory in the war. /Thus, David did not keep everything for himself, but shared with others. /David wanted to share God's grace with others.

/We will continue with chapter 31. /The title is, "The Death of King Saul." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, Israel loses in battle. Verse 1. /Second, Saul and his three sons are killed. /Verses 2-6. /Third, the Israelites flee and the Philistines occupy their towns. /Verse 7. /Fourth, the Philistines insult Saul's dead body. /Verses 8-10. /Fifth, a funeral is given for Saul and his three sons. /Verses 11-13.

/Read verse 1. /Now the Philistines fought against Israel; the Israelites fled before them, and many fell slain on Mount Gilboa.

/The Israelites and the Philistines went to war with each other. /The Philistines defeated the Israelites. /Many Israelites died. /What would have happened if David and his men were on Israel's side?

/If Saul and Jonathan joined forces with David, they would have defeated the Philistines in battle. /However, Saul became arrogant and jealous, and he tried to kill David, which resulted in internal conflict. /Hence, David ran away. /Saul and Jonathan then together fought the Philistines. /Yet, Saul failed.

/Verse 2. /The Philistines pressed hard after Saul and his sons, and they killed his sons Jonathan, Abinadab and Malki-Shua.

/Saul and his three sons died. /Jonathan was a truly faithful man. /Jonathan helped David in many ways. /Jonathan also comforted David. /Jonathan then supported his father as the commander of Israel's army.

/Jonathan laid down his life and was faithful for the advancement of God's kingdom. /However, Jonathan did not receive worldly glory. /Yet, Jonathan would go to heaven and receive rewards, glory, and praises that he did not receive in the world.

/Verse 3. /The fighting grew fierce around Saul, and when the archers overtook him, they wounded him critically.

/The fighting grew fierce around Saul, and the archers wounded Saul. /Saul was wounded critically. /Saul was about to die. /Saul told his armor-bearer to run his sword through him.

/The armor-bearer was terrified and would not do it. /Hence, Saul took his own sword and fell on it, and committed suicide. /Saul died a wretched death.

/Saul became king of Israel and was king for 40 years. /Saul was arrogant. /Saul was jealous of David and continued to try to kill him. /Saul thought of himself more than God's kingdom.

/God commanded Saul to destroy the Amalekites, but Saul disobeyed. /Saul also sought a woman who was a medium. /Saul was wrong in the things he did. /1 Chronicles 10:13-14.

/Verse 7. /When the Israelites along the valley and those across the Jordan saw that the Israelite army had fled and that Saul and his sons had died, they abandoned their towns and fled. And the Philistines came and occupied them.

/The Israelites lost in the battle against the Philistines. /Saul and his sons were killed. /Many of the Israelites fled. /The Israelites abandoned their towns and fled.

/The Philistines then came and occupied the towns. /Such terrible things happen when people lose in battle. /Our battle is the spiritual battle. /When we lose to the devil, we will

become slaves of the devil. /2 Peter 2:19. /We must fight the good fight.

/Verse 8. /The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

/After the Philistines won in the battle, they came to strip the dead. /They found Saul and his three sons. /The Philistines cut off Saul's head and stripped off his armor.

/Then they took Saul's armor and put it in the temple of their gods. /Then the Philistines fastened Saul's body to the wall of Beth Shan. /In verse 10, it says that they fastened his body to the wall of Beth Shan. /Saul, who was forsaken by God, died a terrible and wretched death.

/Verse 11. /When the people of Jabesh Gilead heard of what the Philistines had done to Saul,

/The people of Jabesh Gilead received help from Saul in the past. /11:9. /The people of Jabesh did not forget Saul's grace, and they journeyed through the night to retrieve Saul's body. /Saul and his sons' bodies were nailed to the wall of Beth Shan.

/The people of Jabesh risked their lives to bring back the bodies. /The people of Jabesh burned the bodies, and they buried the bones under a tamarisk tree at Jabesh. /The people of Jabesh wanted to repay King Saul for his grace. /2 Samuel 2:4-7.

/We will continue the lecture with 2 Samuel. /It is most likely that Samuel's successor edited the Book of 2 Samuel. /2 Samuel was recorded in 1000 B.C.

/We will now begin the lecture on chapter 1. /The title of chapter 1 is, "David's Song of Lament." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, David hears about the Israelites' defeat. /Verses 1-4. /Second, an Amalekite gives a false report to David. /Verses 5-10. /Third, David hears about Saul's death, and he tears his clothes and fasts. /Verses 11-12. /Fourth, David kills the Amalekite. /Verses 13-16. /Fifth, David's song of lament for Saul and Jonathan. /Verses 17-27.

/Read verses 1-2. /After the death of Saul, David returned from defeating the Amalekites and stayed in Ziklag two days. On the third day a man arrived from Saul's camp, with his clothes torn and with dust on his head. When he came to David, he fell to the ground to pay him honor.

/David defeated the Amalekites, and he stayed in Ziklag two days. /On the third day, a man arrived from Saul's camp. /He said that he participated in the war. /Then he reported that Saul and Jonathan were dead.

/Verse 5. /Then David said to the young man who brought him the report, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?"

/The Amalekite reported that Saul and his son Jonathan were dead. /David asked the young Amalekite, "How do you know this?" /The Amalekite said that he went up to Mount Gilboa, and he saw Saul lean on his spear to kill himself.

/Then the young Amalekite said that he killed Saul. /Saul called to him. /The boy saw Saul. /Then this young Amalekite killed Saul. /This is what the Amalekite reported to David.

/However, this report was a lie. /In 1 Samuel 31:3-5, /Saul fell on his sword and killed himself. /The Amalekite gave a false report. /The Amalekite wanted to use Saul's death for his own glory.

/Verse 10. /"So I stood over him and killed him, because I knew that after he had fallen he could not survive. And I took the crown that was on his head and the band on his arm and have brought them here to my lord."

/There is no way that Saul would have taken his crown to battle. /Saul must have left his crown somewhere before going to battle. /The Amalekite stole the crown. /The Amalekite sinned, first, with greed for glory and honor. /Second, for robbery. /Third, for lying.

/Verse 11. /Then David and all the men with him took hold of their clothes and tore them.

/David grieved at the news that Saul and Jonathan had died. /David tore his clothes and mourned over Israel's defeat. /Proverbs 24:17. /Proverbs 17:5. /David was not happy that Saul, who had tried to kill him, was dead.

/Rather, David mourned and wept over Saul's death. /David then only spoke of Saul's good traits. /Saul was the first king of Israel. /He contributed to the establishment of the nation of Israel.

/Saul fought many times against the Philistines for the nation of Israel. /David did not remember Saul's faults, but rather, his good traits.

/Verse 13. /David said to the young man who brought him the report, "Where are you from?" "I am the son of an alien, an Amalekite," he answered.

/David put the young Amalekite to death. /He was put to death because first, he said that he killed the man who was anointed by God. /Second, it was so that sin would not be tolerated in Israel. /David established justice through this.

/When we build up God's kingdom, it is important that we get rid of sin. /Ananias and Sapphira brought sin into the early church. /Peter then governed them. /Acts 5:1-11.

/Verse 17. /David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan,

/David lamented over Saul and Jonathan, and he sang an elegy for them. /In verse 18, it says, “lament of the bow.” /It is possible that David called it a “lament of the bow” in memory of Jonathan and his bow.

/David commanded that the men of Judah be taught this lament. /The people of Judah were to remember Saul and Jonathan’s service.

/Verse 19. /"Your glory, O Israel, lies slain on your heights. How the mighty have fallen!

/Saul and Jonathan were Israel’s glory. /Saul and Jonathan went and destroyed the enemies for Israel. /They made Israel strong. /However, Saul and Jonathan died unfortunate deaths. /Thus, David lamented over them.

/Verse 20. /"Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines be glad, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised rejoice.

/Gath and Ashkelon are Philistine cities. /David said, do not proclaim the deaths of Saul and Jonathan to the Philistines. /He was worried that the Philistine daughters would be glad.

/Verse 21. /"O mountains of Gilboa, may you have neither dew nor rain, nor fields that yield offerings [of grain]. For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul-- no longer rubbed with oil.

/Saul and Jonathan died on Mount Gilboa. /Thus, David said, “May you have neither dew nor rain, nor fields that yield offerings.” /The mountain was cursed because Saul and Jonathan shed blood there. /This was a poetic expression.

/Verse 22. /From the blood of the slain, from the flesh of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.

/David commemorated Saul and Jonathan’s bravery. /Saul and Jonathan won many battles. /They courageously repulsed their enemies. /David praised Saul and Jonathan for their courage.

/Verse 23. /"Saul and Jonathan-- in life they were loved and gracious, and in death they were not parted. They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

/Jonathan supported his father. /Jonathan fought courageously for Israel. /Jonathan made suggestions when his father did wrong because of his loyalty to him. /Jonathan did not sympathize with his father’s wrongdoings.

/Jonathan supported his father, and he fought in battle for Israel. /Jonathan was killed while fighting for the kingdom of God. /Jonathan honored his father.

/Jonathan honored his father Saul. /Then Jonathan died with Saul while fulfilling his

duties to God's kingdom. /David lamented over the deaths of these men.

/Verse 24. /"O daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, who clothed you in scarlet and finery, who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.

/The women of Israel wore fine clothes when Saul reigned over them. /This meant that Israel became a strong and powerful nation.

/Verse 25. /"How the mighty have fallen in battle! Jonathan lies slain on your heights.
/Verse 26. /I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women.

/David spoke of his love for Jonathan. Jonathan loved David as his life. /1 Samuel 20:17. /Jonathan's love for David was stronger than a man's love for a woman.

/It was greater than a woman's love for a man. /Jonathan's love transcended love between a married couple, and his love was noble. /David remembered Jonathan's love and grace, and he mourned over his death.

/Jonathan did good unto others, but he did not receive much from the world. /Jonathan would receive great rewards in heaven. /Jonathan's son received rewards because of Jonathan's kindness and love. /Chapter 9.

/Later, David welcomed Jonathan's son and received him. /We too must be like David, and not forget the love and grace we receive from others.

/Verse 27. /"How the mighty have fallen! The weapons of war have perished!"

/David lamented with all his heart over the deaths of Saul and Jonathan. /We must be thankful for the grace that others show us. /We must acknowledge others' good traits instead of remembering their faults. /We must repay others for their kindness.

/Here we will conclude the eleventh lecture on the Books of Samuel. /Thank you.