



MOUNT SINAI MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY

“Living a Chosen Life”

Lesson 4: Caring About Your Enemies

LESSON OBJECTIVE: Regardless of how we feel about people who may be our enemies, God has called us to love them. Chosen people love and care for their enemies.

DEFINITION OF ENEMY: An enemy is someone who is hostile and or hateful towards you. The enemy can oppose, be antagonistic, and indifferent towards you.

Who is your enemy? Who are people that oppose you?

Let it be noted, that whoever your enemy is, God will deliver you – Ps. 18:48, 59:1, 136:24

LESSON GOAL: What does David teach us about dealing with our enemy?

LESSON FOCUS

Read: I Samuel 26:1-5

I. The Enemy is After Your Progression

NOTE: Remember, You Are Chosen

- You are on a destiny path that has as its end, the fulfillment of God.
- Your life is to glorify God.
- You have kingdom business to attend to.
- God has gifted you, so that your gifts will make room for you.

A. Be mindful that people are jealous of you (vs. 1)

DEFINITION: Jealousy is being hostile towards someone who seemingly has an advantage.

1. The Ziphites, report to Saul that David is hiding in the hill of Hachilah. Why did they feel so intrigued to report to Saul?
2. THE ZIPHITES ARE GOSSIPERS. – I Samuel 23:19
3. The Ziphites are a subclan, the Calebites, whom David has married into (I Samuel 25:39). David takes Abigail to be his wife. She is a wealthy woman, intelligent, beautiful, and she is now David's wife.
4. David, is a man at this point in the text, who has no formal dwelling or home. David is a homeless man, who is hiding in and out of caves. He has no real means to care and devote himself to a woman.

5. David has technically three wives:
 - a. Michal - I Samuel 18:20-29 – Marriage was designed to ensnare David.
 - b. Abigail - I Samuel 25:39 – May have worked to David's advantage, he took possession of Nabal's property
 - c. Ahinoam – I Samuel 25:43

QUESTION: Is God happy with David's choices? Is it possible that God brought chastening on David because of his choices? Is this the reason David finds himself once again being chased by Saul?

NOTE: Reasons Why You May Experience Opposition From Your Enemy:

1. People will be jealous of you because of your talent/ability, i.e., like Saul was towards David.
2. People may be jealous of you because you seem to be blessed and they may not be experiencing the blessings of God the way they desire, i.e., like the Ziphites.
3. You may bring on unnecessary enemies because of your choices. Maybe David should have thought twice about marrying Abigail. Man is to be the husband of one wife. David had two, technically three.

II. Respect That Your Enemy Is Created By God (vs. 6-12)

Read: I Samuel 26: 6-12

NOTE: This is the second time David spares Saul's life (I Samuel 24:4)

- A. When Dealing with Your Enemy Use Discretion
 1. Abishai goes with David to the camp of Saul (vs. 6)
 2. Abishai says, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hand." (vs. 8)

Read: Proverbs 15:14 – You must use some intelligence when you make decisions.
- B. David did not want the guilt of Saul being on his hand (vs. 9)
 1. Saul was anointed by God – David respected that
 2. David realized that God would strike one day (vs. 10)
- C. Your enemies will end up respecting you (vs. 21)
Saul ending confessing that he had sinned. And he promised that he would not harm David because David regarded Saul's life as precious.

CONCLUSION: WHAT DOES JESUS SAY ABOUT ENEMIES

Read the following scriptures:

1. Luke 23:34 _____
2. Matthew 5:44 _____
3. Romans 12:20-21 _____