

CLASS: SS2

SUBJECT: CRS

TOPIC: TRUST IN GOD (DAVID'S SUBMIT TO THE WILL OF GOD)

WEEK: 7

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DAVID SPARED SAUL

(1 Samuel 26:1-25; II Samuel 12:15-25)

The people of **Ziph** came and revealed to Saul where David was hiding and Saul arose with his men of war and went in search of David. When David noticed that Saul was after him in the wilderness, he sent spies to go and confirm. David and **Abishai** went to where Saul was sleeping with **Abner**, his commander and his men. Abishai requested David to allow him to pin Saul to the earth but David refused as he said:

"The Lord forbid that I shall put forth my hand against the lord's anointed; but take now the spear that is at his hand, and the jar of water, and let us go."

David and Abashai left with Saul's spear and jar of water. No man saw them as all the people in the camp of Saul were deeply asleep.

When David had gone a far distance to a vantage position, he called upon Abner and reprimanded him for failing to keep proper watch over his master-Saul. David asked him about **Saul's spear and jar of water**. Also, David asked Saul why he would come out to search and kill him. Saul felt guilty and repented of his sin. He appreciated the way David spared his life and David then returned the spear and the jar of water he had collected.

David spared Saul's life because he feared and respectful God, thereby submitting to the will of God.

EFFECT OF SUBMISSION

- i. God is love, He wants peace and love to reign on earth. Man should therefore, show love to those who hate him. Saul went in search of David to kill him, but David had every opportunity to kill Saul, yet he spared him.

- ii. David sparing Saul's life made him to repent of his sins. This shows that when people show love to those who hate them, they could be forced by their conscience to drop the hatred against them as Saul did.
- iii. Sparing Saul's life demonstrated David's faith in God and his submission to the will of God. People should Endeavour to emulate this good example.

JONAH SUBMITS TO THE WILL OF GOD

(Jonah 1-2)

Like David, Jonah submitted to the will of God, but with the great hands of God. God sent Jonah to preach to the **Ninevites**, instead, Jonah boarded a ship to **Tarshish**. On their way, there was a mighty tempest on the sea, and Jonah tried to escape the hand of God, by asking the Mariners to throw him into the sea. When they did, a big fish swallowed Jonah, and he stayed in the belly of the fish for three day, and then prayed a prayer of repentance to the Lord.

The Lord had mercy on him and commended the fish to vomit him at the shore of Nineveh. Jonah submitted to God, after the big fish vomited him, he entered the city and preached with a loud voice:

"Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be over thrown!"

When the people of Nineveh heard the message of Jonah, both the people, animals and the king repented. They fasted and mourned for three days. God heard them and forgave them.

ASSIGNMENT

Write short note on: David's forgave Nabal (1 Samuel 25:1-43).