

## David pt5 – Touching The Anointed

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[1Sa 24:1-7 NASB95] 1 Now when Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, saying, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi." 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. 3 He came to the sheepfolds on the way, where there [was] a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the inner recesses of the cave. 4 The men of David said to him, "Behold, [this is] the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold; I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.'" Then David arose and cut off the edge of Saul's robe secretly. 5 It came about afterward that David's conscience bothered him because he had cut off the edge of Saul's [robe.] 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." 7 David persuaded his men with [these] words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul arose, left the cave, and went on [his] way.

[1Sa 26:9-12 NASB95] 9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD'S anointed and be without guilt?" 10 David also said, "As the LORD lives, surely the LORD will strike him, or his day will come that he dies, or he will go down into battle and perish. 11 "The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD'S anointed; but now please take the spear that is at his head and the jug of water, and let us go." 12 So David took the spear and the jug of water from [beside] Saul's head, and they went away, but no one saw or knew [it,] nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a sound sleep from the LORD had fallen on them.

- Road rage. People get in our way. We take it out on them.
- Saul was in the way of David to the throne. Twice David had an opportunity to kill Saul.

What does David's view on not touching the LORD's anointed teach us today?

God wants us to apply these four lessons about not touching the LORD's anointed.

### I. God will fulfill His Promises, His Way, Righteously.

- a. He takes vengeance, not us. [Rom 12:17-21 NASB95] 17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath [of God,] for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. 20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
- b. Jesus had to wait. [Luk 4:5-8 NASB95] 5 And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 "Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"

### II. God wants us to not just wait ON the LORD, but also wait FOR the LORD.

- a. Waiting ON the LORD in prayer.
- b. Waiting FOR the LORD in patient submission.
- c. [Hab 2:3-4 NASB95] 3 "For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not

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delay. 4 "Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.

**III. God wants us to live without any bitterness or resentment.**

- a. David had more of an excuse to kill Saul in chapter 26 because Saul violated the promise to stop chasing him in chapter 24. He resisted bitterness and resentment.
- b. [Heb 12:15-16 NASB95] 15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; 16 that [there be] no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a [single] meal.
- c. Keep your heart sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

**IV. God does not want us to inappropriately challenge His leaders.**

- a. [1Ti 3:1-15 NASB95] 1 It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires [to do.] 2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. 4 [He must be] one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity 5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), 6 [and] not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. 7 And he must have a good reputation with those outside [the church,] so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. 8 Deacons likewise [must be] men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, 9 [but] holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. 11 Women [must] likewise [be] dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things. 12 Deacons must be husbands of [only] one wife, [and] good managers of [their] children and their own households. 13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. 14 I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; 15 but in case I am delayed, [I write] so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.
- b. There is an appropriate way to deal with a leader who morally fails or defies Scripture. [1Ti 5:19-20 NASB95] 19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses. 20 Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful [of sinning.]
- c. God commands us not to touch His leaders. [Psa 105:15 NASB95] 15 "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."

- **Not touching the LORD's anointed challenges us to trust God, watch our hearts, and obey His Word while we wait for God's purpose to be fulfilled.**