

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MAY 16

DAVID SPARES SAUL.

LESSON TEXT—1 Samuel 26:5-16.
GOLDEN TEXT—Love your enemies, do
good to them that hate you.—Luke 6:27.

Professor Beecher gives 1065 B. C. as the date of this lesson and the death of Samuel. Saul had been on the throne 37 years and David was twenty-seven years of age. There are ten famous episodes between the lesson of last week and that of today. (1) David and the shew-bread; (2) Goliath's sword; (3) David feigns madness (ch. 21); (4) The cave of Adullam; (5) His care of his parents; (6) The killing of the priests (ch. 22); (7) Wandering in the wilderness (ch. 23); (8) The cutting of Saul's robe (ch. 24); (9) Nabal's churlishness, and (10) Abigail's kindness (ch. 25). It might be well to have one scholar give a summary of each of these events.

I. David and Abishai, vv. 5-7.—Once before, the Ziphites had informed Saul as to David's whereabouts (23:19). Learning that Saul evidently intended to follow him into the wilderness (v. 4), David sent spies to learn the exact location of Saul and the 3,000 men under command of Abner. Abner was a cousin of Saul, a brave man with a remarkable history. Unwittingly they had placed themselves in David's power, and that for a second time (24:3-8). Like the camp of the Midianites which Gideon visited, Saul and his men were scattered about sleeping "within the place of the wagons" (v. 5 R. V.), with Saul in the center, the spear marking his resting place and the bolster beneath his head. Doubtless Saul trusted Abner's protection, but no arm of flesh can save or protect a sinful man. From a neighboring rock David and his friends could distinguish the spear and the outlines of the camp. David's challenge was directed to both of his companions. Ahimelech, the Hittite, declined the summons, whereas Abishai, David's nephew who had already proved himself in the affair at the well (II Samuel 23:13-16) and later became a leading figure in David's kingdom, accepted the challenge.

II. David and Saul, vv. 8-12.—Abishai was quite right that God had delivered Saul into David's hand (v. 8), but he was wrong in his conclusion as to what that meant. God delivered Saul that he might, if possible, save him. It was a challenge that tested David's magnanimity, his sense of honor and also an event wherein he could appeal to Saul's honor. Abishai's anger is evident from his words, "I will not smite him the second time." There was ample provocation, but David recognized in this experience the hand of God, nor would he profit by another's hand upraised "against the Lord's anointed" (v. 9). A conscience less keen could have found an excuse for allowing another to strike a blow to his own profit. Saul was rejected of Jehovah, yet David preferred to let Jehovah execute his own decrees (ch. 24:15 cf. Ps. 105:15).

III. David and Abner, vv. 13-16.—Returning to his vantage point, doubtless the brow of a hill on the opposite side of the valley, a point of safety, David awakened the sleeping camp. Abner replied, "Who art thou?" This cry sounds strangely like the present-day replies to the challenge of our David when a sleeping camp of sin is aroused. This call came at night. When our King shall return his visit will be unexpected and at night (I Thess. 5:2-4; Rev. 16:15). It would seem like a humiliation for this proud, haughty general, Abner, to be taunted by David (v. 15). As chief officer he was responsible for the king's safety and his life. David therefore might well reproach and chide him for his lack of fidelity was worthy of death. When Saul was thoroughly awake to the fact of David's visit to his camp and the fact that his life had been spared, he was moved to another one of his moments of repentance (vv. 17-21).

IV. The Result, vv. 17-25.—David's address to Saul, is a remarkable one. He first appeals to reason (v. 18) and desires to know what, if any, fault he has committed. He next challenges the motives which impelled Saul. Was it God who sent him on this journey or was it the evil counsel of men (v. 19)? If this latter then let God deal with them according to their just deserts. And, finally, David uses the two similes of a flea and a nartridge as evidence of his humility, his inoffensiveness, his harmlessness (Luke 14:11). Every sinner who fights against God and against his anointed ones "plays the fool" and will sooner or later, like Saul, awaken to the fact that he has "erred exceedingly." David did not undertake his own deliverance and "the Lord delivered him out of all his troubles" (v. 24; Ps. 18). David's last message to Saul as he bade them to send for his spear was a declaration of innocence and a prayer that God would give him safety even as Saul's life had been spared. Saul's final word was a blessing and a prophecy of David's ultimate triumph.

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ly and helpful:

The roots should be kept damp
from the time the tree is removed
from the ground until the transplant-
ing is completed. To do this it is a
good plan to plunge them into a ves-
sel of mud, so as to puddle or
cover them with a damp cloth to keep
sun and wind from them before plant-
ing.

Dig a hole two or three feet across
making it deep enough that some good
ground can be put in the bottom of
the hole for the tree to stand on this,
and be not more than three inches
lower than it formerly grew. If you
come to rocks or poor soil or clay, re-
move these, so that the hole can be
properly deepened. Fill it with good
earth tramped in firmly, so that the
tree will stand upon this and be firm
after the planting is completed. Spread
the roots in different direc-
tions. Incline the tree five or ten
degrees toward the prevailing wind,
if it is in a region where the wind
will strike it with force. Be sure that
it will not be planted more than three
inches deeper than it formerly grew.
Less than this is generally suffi-
cient.

Again if there are places beneath
the roots where these do not touch
the soil, work good earth under them
with the hands. Then put good soil
over the roots to a depth of about
two or three inches. Use the manure
or fertilizer in contact with the roots.
Tramp this earth as firmly as can be
done with the feet. Success in making
a tree grow depends upon this firm
tramping with good soil that is not
wet enough to cake or become hard,
and also not too dry.

"After this fill in the hole with good
top earth, not using red clay nor
stones. It is all right to put stones
over the top of the ground after the
planting is completed, filling to about
the level of the ground, but do not
tramp it again, and do not use water
at any time, unless it be after the
final refilling. If water be used be
careful not to tramp or to pack it
in the least after it is wet.

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GOOD ROADS.

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Wellersburg, Grant Tressler; Wind-
ber (East), Frank Tarr; Windber
(West), R. M. Mullin.

The central committee is composed
of James McKelvy, W. Curtis Trux-
al, John H. Beertys, Gilbert F. Ends-
ley, George J. Krebs, Alex. Markle
and Frank M. Forney. The duty of
this committee is to co-operate with
the various boroughs and township
committees, in order that there shall
be some uniformity about the work.

With the exception of the smaller
towns, all work is to be done on the
township roads. The borough commit-
tees are subsidiary to the nearest
township committee.

Town men who volunteer to work
on May 26th, will be conveyed to one
of the bad roads in an automobile,
and those who fail to turn out and
work will be called upon to make a
contribution toward the purchasing
of supplies. Men are not to hire sub-
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to do about it?
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this section were W. H. Habel, W. S.
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J. J. Brady, W. H. Holzshu, F. W.
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Smiling, we waved him toward our
confreere.

"You must ask," we said, "the puz-
zle editor."—Exchange.

Extravagance.
Extravagance in thought is as bad as
extravagance in living expenses.—E.
W. Howe's Monthly.

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