

A person wearing a grey hooded robe is kneeling in a grassy field, holding a long wooden staff. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a setting or rising sun, with trees in the background. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

# A Heart Like God's

Part 16: Trusting God's Sovereignty



1 Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, “Is not David hiding on the hill of Hachilah, *which is before Jeshimon?*”

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We all desire to have  
leaders who are after  
God's own Heart,  
but that requires the  
people to be after the  
same.



2 So Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having with him three thousand chosen men of Israel, to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.



3 Saul camped in the hill of Hachilah,  
which is before Jeshimon, beside the road,  
and David was staying in the wilderness.  
When he saw that Saul came after him into  
the wilderness,



4 David sent out spies, and he knew that Saul was definitely coming.



5 David then arose and came to the place where Saul had camped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army; and Saul was lying in the circle of the camp, and the people were camped around him.



6 Then David said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the son of Zeruah, Joab's brother, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul in the camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you."



7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night, and behold, *Saul lay sleeping inside the circle of the camp with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people were lying around him.*



8 Then Abishai said to David, “*Today God has delivered your enemy into your hand*; now therefore, please let me strike him with the spear to the ground with one stroke, and I will not strike him the second time.”



If we find ourselves ruled  
by leaders who are full of  
pride and self-will, we  
should ask God why they  
have His permission to  
rule .



God's call and gifts are  
without repentance. We are  
never called to remove a  
leader by usurping his/  
her authority.



There is a legal way in every system for leaders to be removed. To operate outside that system is to partner with the kingdom of Darkness.



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?*”

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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.*"



II *“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.”*



The only proper way to  
come in to our Kingdom call  
and authority is to remain  
humble, always serving,  
remembering that promotion  
comes from the Lord.



Jesus did not consider equality  
with God something to be  
grasped, and yet he remained  
humble until God exalted him.

Unlike Satan.

Unlike Adam.



Whatever means we use to enter into the call of God in our lives is the means by which we will keep it.



A key to holding and  
demonstrating God's heart  
toward mercy is to trust in  
His sovereignty.



5 For in this way in former times  
the holy women also, who hoped in  
God, used to adorn themselves,  
being submissive to their own  
husbands;

1 Peter 3:5

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A Psalm of David.

Psalm 27

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1 The LORD is my light and my  
salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD  
is the defense of my life; Whom shall I  
dread?



2 When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.



3 Though a host encamp against me, My  
heart will not fear; Though war arise  
against me, In *spite* of this I shall be  
confident.



4 One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple.



5 For in the day of trouble He will  
conceal me in His tabernacle; In the  
secret place of His tent He will hide me;  
He will lift me up on a rock.



6 And now my head will be lifted up  
above my enemies around me, And I will  
offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of  
joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to  
the LORD.



7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my  
voice, And be gracious to me and answer  
me.



8 *When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."*



9 Do not hide Your face from me, Do not  
turn Your servant away in anger; You  
have been my help; Do not abandon me  
nor forsake me, O God of my salvation!



10 For my father and my mother have  
forsaken me, But the LORD will take me  
up.



11 Teach me Your way, O LORD, And  
lead me in a level path Because of my  
foes.



12 Do not deliver me over to the desire  
of my adversaries, For false witnesses  
have risen against me, And such as  
breathe out violence.



13 *I would have despaired* unless I had  
believed that I would see the goodness of  
the LORD In the land of the living.



14 Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let  
your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the  
LORD.