

## **EPISODE NO. 132**

### **1 Sam. 24:1-7**

#### **David Spared King Saul's Life**

1 After Saul had returned from fighting the Philistines, somebody told him: “Listen, David is in the Desert of En-Gedi!”

2 So, Saul got 3,000 men — he chose them from all of Israel — and they went to search for David and his men. They looked near the Cliffs of the Wild Goats. 3 Saul came to some sheep-pens beside the road. A cave was there. And, Saul went inside to relieve himself. Now David and his men were hiding in that cave — deep inside it. 4 David's men whispered to him, “Look, today is the day that Yahweh spoke about! Yahweh told you: ‘I will give your enemy to you. You can do anything you want to Saul!’ ”

Then, in the darkness, David quietly crawled up to Saul and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. Saul didn't even notice it. 5 (Later, David even felt guilty that he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe.) 6 After David returned to his men, he told them, “May Yahweh stop me from doing such a thing to my master! Saul was the anointed king of Yahweh. I should NOT do harm to him, because he was Yahweh's anointed king!”

7 Using these words, David was barely able to stop his men from killing King Saul. David would not permit them to attack Saul. Then Saul rose up and left the cave, and he went on his way.

Eventually, King Saul died in a big battle on Mount Gilboa fighting against the Philistines.