

6 March 2016: Preached by Preacher Clement Chew

**Topic: Hasten God's Will?**

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 26:1-25

1. In 1 Sam 26, we see the 3rd test that David faced. God sent these tests to prepare David to be the next king of Israel. David must learn to wait for God's time to be the king even when he knows it is God's will for him to be the king. David must not hasten the will of God in his life.
2. David was betrayed by the Ziphites again who reported to Saul his whereabouts in the wilderness of Ziph. Saul brought 3000 chosen men wanting to kill David in the wilderness. We know that this test was from the Lord because He caused a deep sleep to come to Saul and all his 3000 men. David and Abishai came to Saul's camp and found all of them sleeping. David just took away the spear and cruse of water that belonged to Saul.
3. Abishai told David that this was the best opportunity to kill Saul. Then David's troubles would be over and he need not be a fugitive anymore. David would not hasten the will of God in this situation. He could do so because he prayed to the Lord. This prayer is recorded in Psalm 54. David prayed to God for help.
4. Another reason why David did not hasten God's will was because he knew the Word of God. God's Word has taught him that king Saul was anointed by God and only God could remove Saul from the throne. God must be the One to judge Saul, and not David.
5. David waited upon the Lord. He would do God's way in God's time. When king Saul realised that David had spared him again, he pretended by saying "I have sinned". King Saul has no true repentance of his sin. Although he still wanted to kill David after this incident but God would stop him. God delivered David from king Saul. Let us learn from David never to hasten God's will.