

All Will Share Alike
David Proclaims Civil Rights Principle
The King and the People Series

Dr. Goodluck Ofoegbu
Prof. Oby Ofoegbu
Banking Blessings Ministry
San Antonio, Texas
USA

1

What We Will Learn

- David proclaims basic civil rights principle
- Battle proceeds: “what the Lord has given us”
- Proclaims equality of access to facilities of society—Things owned in common by all
- Within the scope of *Equality Under the Law*
- Basic principle governing relationships between individuals and society
- 1 Samuel 30

bankingblessing.org

2

**David Pursues Amalekites
Base Raided and Burnt**

- Returned to Ziklag from Philistine battlefield
- Found base raided and burnt
- Family members and flock taken
- David and 400 men pursued the raiders
- The other 200 stayed back
- Separation into two groups sets stage for understanding divided roles in society
- 1 Samuel 30:3–10

bankingblessing.org

3

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

3 When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive.

4 So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.

5 David’s two wives had been captured— Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel.

bankingblessing.org

4

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

6 David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

7 Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelek, “Bring me the ephod. ” Abiathar brought it to him,

bankingblessing.org

5

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

8 and David inquired of the Lord, “Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?”

“Pursue them,” he answered. “You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue. ”

bankingblessing.org

6

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

9 David and the six hundred men with him came to the Besor Valley, where some stayed behind.

10 Two hundred of them were too exhausted to cross the valley, but David and the other four hundred continued the pursuit.

bankingblessing.org

7

Composed and Compassionate Despite Distress

- Encountered a weak and hungry man
- Gave him food and water
- He regained strength
- Led David and his men to the raiders
- David was composed and compassionate even in distress
- 1 Samuel 30:11–16

bankingblessing.org

8

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

11 They found an Egyptian in a field and brought him to David. They gave him water to drink and food to eat—

12 part of a cake of pressed figs and two cakes of raisins. He ate and was revived, for he had not eaten any food or drunk any water for three days and three nights.

bankingblessing.org

9

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

13 David asked him, “Who do you belong to? Where do you come from?” He said, “I am an Egyptian, the slave of an Amalekite. My master abandoned me when I became ill three days ago.

14 We raided the Negev of the Kerethites, some territory belonging to Judah and the Negev of Caleb. And we burned Ziklag.”

bankingblessing.org

10

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

15 David asked him, “Can you lead me down to this raiding party?” He answered, “Swear to me before God that you will not kill me or hand me over to my master, and I will take you down to them.”

16 He led David down, and there they were, scattered over the countryside, eating, drinking and reveling because of the great amount of plunder they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from Judah.

bankingblessing.org

11

Victorious Against the Raiders

- David and his men defeated the raiders
- Recovered all they had taken from Ziklag
- Took plunder of all their flocks and herds
- 1 Samuel 30:17–20

bankingblessing.org

12

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

17 David fought them from dusk until the evening of the next day, and none of them got away, except four hundred young men who rode off on camels and fled.

18 David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives.

bankingblessing.org

13

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

19 Nothing was missing: young or old, boy or girl, plunder or anything else they had taken. David brought everything back.

20 He took all the flocks and herds, and his men drove them ahead of the other livestock, saying, "This is David's plunder."

bankingblessing.org

14

Potential Dispute

- Potential dispute among David's men
- Some of the 400 that went to battle
- Declared the 200 that stayed back
- Will not share in the plunder
- 1 Samuel 30:21–22

bankingblessing.org

15

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

21 Then David came to the two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow him and who were left behind at the Besor Valley. They came out to meet David and the men with him. As David and his men approached, he asked them how they were.

bankingblessing.org

16

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

22 But all the evil men and troublemakers among David's followers said, "Because they did not go out with us, we will not share with them the plunder we recovered. However, each man may take his wife and children and go."

bankingblessing.org

17

Declaration of Basic Rights

- To settle the dispute
- David declared a basic right for all
- Every person will share in the plunder
- Recognizes common ownership
 - Things God has given to all
 - Products of society effort and resources
- Equality in access to facilities of society
- 1 Samuel 30:23–25

bankingblessing.org

18

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

23 David replied, “No, my brothers, you must not do that with what the Lord has given us. He has protected us and delivered into our hands the raiding party that came against us.

24 Who will listen to what you say? The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike. ”

bankingblessing.org

19

1 Samuel 30 (NIV)

25 David made this a statute and ordinance for Israel from that day to this.

- All will share alike
- Of “what the Lord has given us”
 - Battle proceeds and derivatives
 - Products of society effort and resources
 - Society services and programs
- Equality in access to facilities of society

bankingblessing.org

20

Civil Rights

- Basic right of every person
- Because he/she is human
- God terminated Saul as king
- When he violated *Equality Under the Law*
- Equal access to “what the Lord has given us”
- Follows from *Equality Under the Law*
- Part of God’s mandate
- For individual-in-society relationships

bankingblessing.org

21

Civil Rights cont’d

- Civil rights of a sinner in active sinful life
 - Let God judge the sinful life
 - Focus on human responsibility of protecting the civil rights of all including sinners
- Departure from Godliness
 - Making a law that violates civil rights
 - Failure to make a law that protects civil rights

bankingblessing.org

22

What We Learned

- Civil rights is part of God’s mandate
- David proclaimed principle of equal access to facilities of society
- Equality in access to “what the Lord has given us”
- Follows from *Equality Under the Law*
- Society has responsibility to protect civil rights of all—even sinners in active sinful life

bankingblessing.org

23