

**HISTORY:**  
**1 Samuel - David**  
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Vengeance belongs to God, forgiveness is required of us.

- Our default setting is to rob God and take His vengeance and put it in our own hands.

- When we are wronged, what sounds more tempting? "Eye for eye" (Leviticus 24:19-20) or "Speak evil of no one, avoid quarreling, be gentle, and show perfect courtesy toward all people?" (Titus 3:2)

1 Samuel 24:3 = It seems as if God was delivering Saul up to David on a silver platter.

1 Samuel 24:4-6 = Two things to admire about David from these verses:

(1) Respect for someone that God has put in a leadership position.

(2) The way David let his enemy off the hook even though it could have made everything better for himself.

1 Samuel 24:15 = Vengeance belongs to God, forgiveness is required of me.

Had David gone through with killing Saul, he would have proved himself unworthy of the throne. His thirst for vengeance would have greatly impacted a thirst for God.