

How to Disagree with those in Authority

All Scriptures are from the New American Standard Version (1977) unless otherwise indicated.

1 Samuel 23:14 And David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand.

1 Samuel 24:1-2 Now it came about when Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, saying, “Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.” **2** Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats.

1 Samuel 24:3 And he came to the sheepfolds on the way, where there *was* a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the inner recesses of the cave.

1 Samuel 24:4 And the men of David said to him, “Behold, *this is* the day of which the LORD said to you, ‘Behold; I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.’” Then David arose and cut off the edge of Saul’s robe secretly.

1 Samuel 13:14 “But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

1 Samuel 24:5-7 And it came about afterward that David’s conscience bothered him because he had cut off the edge of Saul’s *robe*. **6** So he said to his men, “Far be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD’S anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the LORD’S anointed.” **7** And David persuaded his men with *these* words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul arose, left the cave, and went on *his* way.

Exodus 22:28 “You shall not curse God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

Romans 13:1 Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

1 Samuel 24:8 Now afterward David arose and went out of the cave and called after Saul, saying, “My lord the king!” And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the ground and prostrated himself.

1 Samuel 24:9 And David said to Saul, “Why do you listen to the words of men, saying, ‘Behold, David seeks to harm you’?”

1 Corinthians 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Samuel 24:10-11 Behold, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD had given you today into my hand in the cave, and some said to kill you, but *my eye* had pity on you; and I said, ‘I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD’S anointed.’ **11** “Now, my father, see! Indeed, see the edge of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the edge of your robe and did not kill you, know and perceive that there is no evil or rebellion in my hands, and I have not sinned against you, though you are lying in wait for my life to take it.

1 Samuel 24:12-15 “May the LORD judge between you and me, and may the LORD avenge me on you; but my hand shall not be against you. **13** “As the proverb of the ancients says, ‘Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness’; but my hand shall not be against you. **14** “After whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom are you pursuing? A dead dog, a single flea? **15** “The LORD therefore be judge and decide between you and me; and may He see and plead my cause, and deliver me from your hand.”

Genesis 16:5 And Sarai said to Abram, “May the wrong done me be upon you. I gave my maid into your arms; but when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her sight. *May the LORD judge between you and me.*”

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.