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Bible Study

“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”
(2 Tim. 3:15)

Serving While I Suffer

{1 Samuel 30:6}

v.1,2) *“And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; (*) “And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.”*

- “Amelekites” – a nomadic tribe of people that were enemies of Israel.
- God commanded that Saul should destroy but he disobeyed. [1 Sam. 15:2,3,19]
- If you don’t obey God in the beginning it will always be a price to pay in the end. [Gal. 6:7]
- “slew not any” – they spared them, not to be considerate, but to use them as slaves.

v.3) *“So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.”*

- The smoke and the fire was still visible because the event had recently happened.
- David has lost everything and every even his own family (v.5) because the city was unprotected.
- [Lesson] the same way the Amalekites invaded an unprotected city is the same way sin can invade an unprotected home. We must sure that we have godly homes. [Josh. 24:15; Deut. 6:6,7; Eph. 6:6,4]

v.4) *“Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.”*

- This is a sign of the great distress that they were experiencing.
- I’m surer David was aware that this was not just a random event in his life because he could feel the judgement of God involved in it. [Heb. 12:6,7]

