

# Recovery After Great Loss

# Study Notes

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## 1 Samuel 30

David makes a decision to go and live in enemy territory believing it will be safer for him and his men. We discover that this decision is made without consulting the Lord though and while seeming to be a good move he ends up with the loss of all that is near and dear to him and to all his men.

1. Loss of all things precious
  - a. The Amalekites are descendants of the Esau the brother of Jacob (Israel). They are constantly attacking both Judah as well as neighbouring towns. They represent the enemies of God.
  - b. What does John 10:10 teach about the work of the enemy? How severe can his work become? Has this type of loss happened in your life?
2. Great danger from within
  - a. The men weep until they could weep no more
    - i. How is this important?
    - ii. What prevents us from coming to terms with the depth of our losses at time?
  - b. They then plan to stone David!
    - i. Why do we need to blame someone for our losses in our lives?
3. David finds strength in the LORD
  - a. The Psalmist seeks out the comfort and strength that only God can give
  - b. His whole being is then given over to the comforting God
  - c. How do we find our strength in God when everyone is against us?
4. David seeks the LORD
  - a. An ephod is the instrument used by the High Priest that contains the Urim and Thummim that seeks the will of God in the OT
  - b. David now repents from doing it his own way ( see 1 Sam 27:1) and seeks the will of God
  - c. Read Romans 12:1,2 in at least 2 versions. How can we discover the will of God in our lives?
5. Unexpected guidance
  - a. The men discover an Egyptian slave who they revive
  - b. This kindness leads them to finding out where the Amalekites are hiding and devouring the plunder!
  - c. How is this delay for their mission actually a work of God?
    - i. Relate this story to the God Samaritan
6. Total recovery
  - a. David and his men recovered all that had been stolen
  - b. John 10:10 speaks of life in Christ- as opposed to the work of the thief
  - c. What is the HOLY Spirit telling you out of this story?
  - d. What do you need to recover that the thief has stolen
  - e. By faith seek the LORD as to how to do this important recovery work