

# 1 Samuel 24:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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David's refusal to harm Saul despite opportunity and justification demonstrates respect for God's authority structures even when those in authority act wickedly. His conviction that he cannot 'stretch forth my hand against the LORD's anointed' teaches the principle of leaving vengeance to God rather than taking matters into one's own hands. David's restraint shows mature faith that trusts God to vindicate and promote in His timing. This passage warns against using apparent opportunities to advance personal interests when doing so requires violating godly principles.

## Historical Context

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The establishment of monarchy around 1050-1010 BCE represented a dramatic political and theological shift for Israel. Unlike surrounding nations where kings were considered divine or semi-divine, Israel's kings were supposed to function under God's ultimate authority as laid out in Deuteronomy 17:14-20. The Benjamite tribe occupied strategic territory between Ephraim and Judah, making

Saul's selection a politically astute choice to balance tribal rivalries. Archaeological remains from this period show increased fortification and centralization of settlements, confirming the transition to state-level organization.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen our understanding of God's character, purposes, and ways of working in human history?
2. What specific heart attitudes, thought patterns, or life practices does this passage call you to examine or change?
3. How does this passage connect to the larger biblical narrative of redemption and point toward Christ and the gospel?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֹּאמֶר	לְאַנְשֵׁי יוֹ	חָלֵל יִלְהֶ	לִי	יְהוָה	אִם	אֶעֱשֶׂה
And he said	unto his men	forbid	H0	The LORD	H518	that I should do
H559	H582	H2486		H3068		H6213

אֶת	הַדָּבָר	הַזֶּה	לְאֲדֹנִי	מִשֵּׁי יֵחַ
H853	this thing	H2088	unto my master	against him seeing he is the anointed
	H1697		H113	H4899

יְהוָה	לִשְׂלֹחַ	יָדִי	בִּי	כִּי
The LORD	to stretch forth	mine hand	H0	H3588
H3068	H7971	H3027		

מִשֵּׁי יֵחַ	יְהוָה	הוּא:
against him seeing he is the anointed	The LORD	H1931
H4899	H3068	

