

# The Psalms of Ascents

## Week 4 – Wednesday

1 Sam. 24:6 – Footnote 6<sup>1</sup>

1 Sam. 26:9-11

The verses in Psalm 131 were written by David; he wrote most of the psalms. They are filled with revelation, filled with his experience with God. He lived in the Old Testament age, yet his experience is no different than our experience in the New Testament. The revelation in the New Testament comes out of the Old Testament. The apostles wrote the New Testament continuing the thoughts and concepts contained in the Old Testament. We already mentioned in the previous message that God worked on David from his youth; God dealt with him in all kinds of situations. Many of the things that he went through seemed to be unpleasant. On one hand, he was despised by his own family. David was the eighth son in his family. His father and brothers looked down on him. When he was young, although already a warrior, he was asked by his father to stay in the wilderness to guard a few sheep. When Samuel came to anoint him, David was not even invited to be at his home to meet Samuel. After he was anointed by Samuel to be the king of Israel, he experienced many afflictions and persecution for 5 more years even though he defeated Goliath and gained some glory. Right after that, king Saul persecuted him seeking his life. He fled to the wilderness and hid in caves, going through all kinds of afflictions. God used all these situations to train him, to deal with him so that he would no longer do anything by himself.

In the end, David became a person who was humble before God. When Saul was seeking to kill him, God placed Saul's life in his hands twice. He did not dare to hurt Saul, God's anointed one, because he was a person who feared God. At that time David was already anointed to be the king and God had already given up on Saul, yet David said that he dared not touch the anointed one of God. He was waiting for God's hand. If Saul would one day meet his demise, it would have nothing to do with him (1 Sam. 24:6; 26:9-11).