

# GOD OPERATES DIFFERENTLY IN DIFFERENT CULTURES

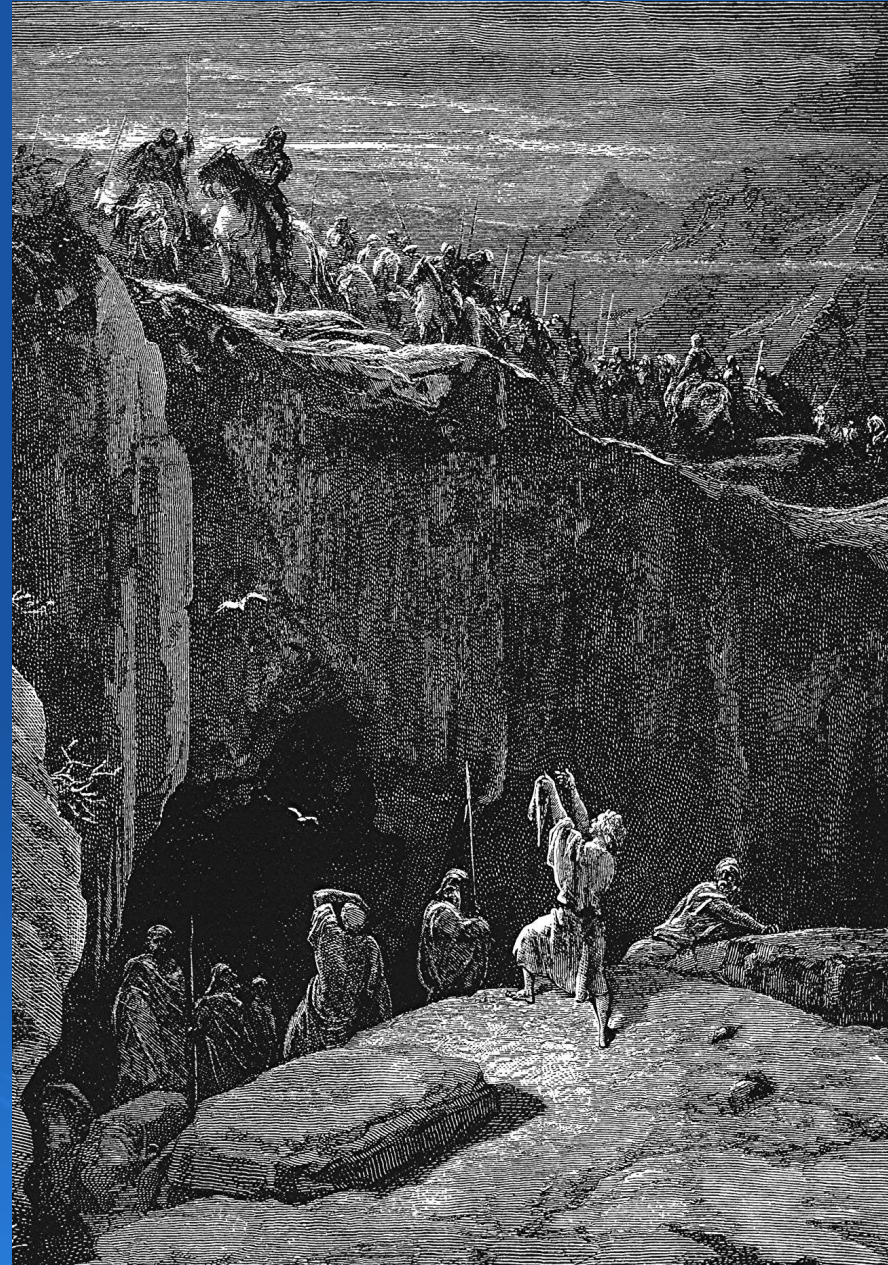


- David's decision NOT to take Saul's life had an enormous impact for how future Israelites' would accept his kingly line
- God works within the realities and limitations of human existence, because that was HIS CHOICE !
- Western cultural ways of expressing God's many manifestations are NOT the only legitimate ways



# FATHER AND SON IN THE BIBLE

- That David did NOT kill Saul goes against all convention
- David call Saul, “My father”
- Yeshua calls YHWH “My Father” and YHWH calls Yeshua “My Son”
- The father hold supreme family authority
- The son is a lower status level than the father
- In the West father/son are terms of endearment
- In the East father/son is mostly about authority and submission





# DAVID AND SAUL SPEAK



- David calls on YHWH to be the judge and to avenge if need be
- Meaning is “I forgive you”
- A son has no right to judge the father
- David says that he didn’t kill Saul proves that he is not wicked
- Saul says, “My son David...”
- Saul’s weeping is more self-pity
- ***Tzaddik*** = righteous



# SAUL ADMITS THAT DAVID WILL BE THE KING OF ISRAEL



- Saul also says that David's dynasty will be Israel's ruling family
- Saul asks David not to kill off his children
- Such a thing would bring an end to Saul's bloodlines and an end to his spiritual afterlife
- David did not trust Saul and returned to En Gedi
- Saul returned to Gibeah



# 1<sup>ST</sup> SAMUEL 25:

## DAVID IS SAVED FROM HIMSELF

- Samuel dies and is buried in his hometown, Ramah
- Samuel's authority accepted by all 12 tribes
- David was in the Paran wilderness (not Ma'on)
- Nabal a wealthy man who owned 3000 sheep and 1000 goats
- Nabal's wife was Avigayil
- This Mt. Carmel was in Judah





# NABAL WAS OF THE CLAN OF KALEV (CALEB)

- *Nabal* = fool, disgraceful
- Not his real, given name
- *Avigayil* = my father is joy
- Kalev scouted out Canaan with Joshua and urged Moses to go into the land
- Caleb was of the tribe of Judah, but was mixed with the Kennizites
- Caleb given Hebron and surrounding area



# NABAL REFUSES DAVID'S REQUEST FOR PROVISIONS



- David sends a *minyan* of 10 men to Nabal with a message
- The message asks for supplies and provisions
- Couched in friendly terms but was a DEMAND !
- **Gozezim** = sheep shearing, equivalent to harvest season
- Nabal refuses, and then insults David by calling him a runaway slave



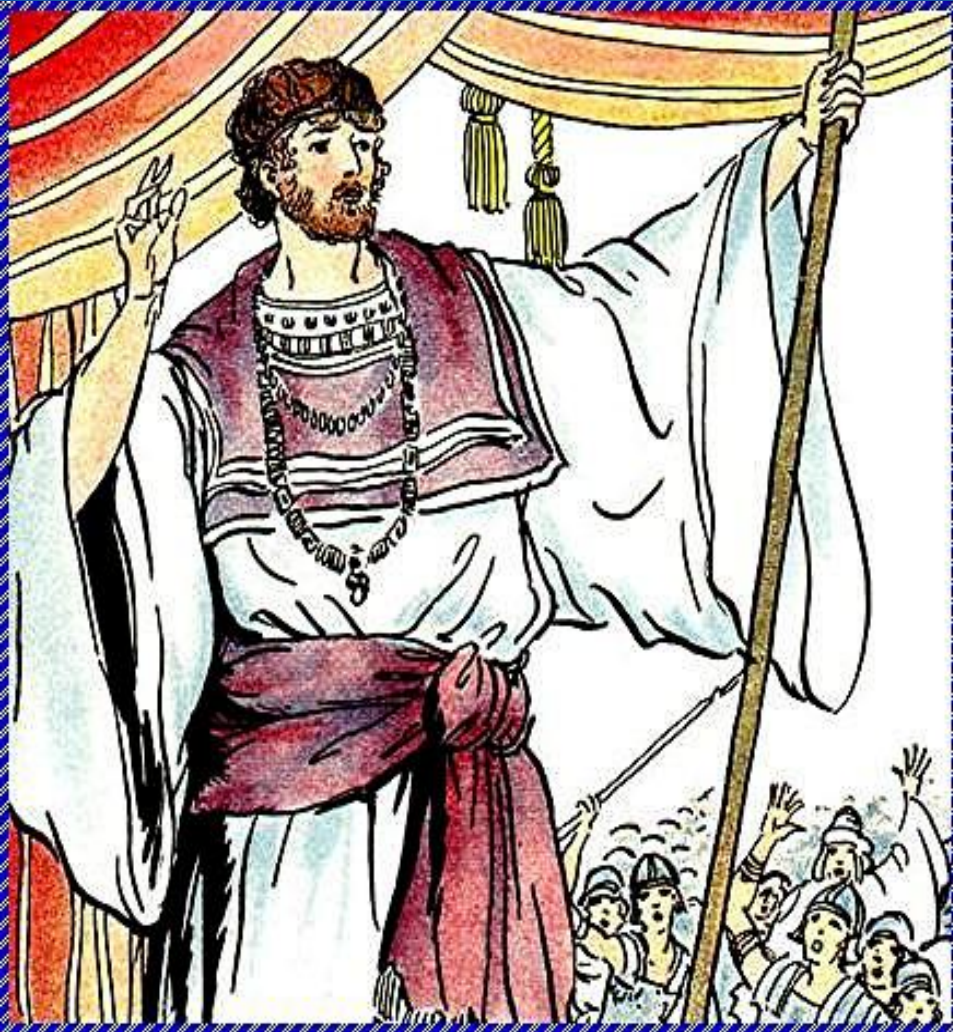
# DAVID LOSES HIS TEMPER AND SEEKS TO AVENGE HIS HONOR

- 400 warriors came with David to attack Nabal
- A man informed Avigayil of what Nabal said and she knew this was big trouble
- The man says Nabal is *ben-Belial* (son of Belial)
- In concern for her household she prepares a substantial peace offering for David
- She hopes to intercept David before he arrives





# DAVID IS ABOUT TO COMMIT A RUINOUS ACT !



- If David succeeded in killing Nabal, it probably would have altered history
- Nabal committed no violation of Torah Law
- Only a disagreement had occurred
- Ironic: David listened to the Spirit of God and spared Saul
- Now David is about to commit murder simply because of an insult



# THE DIVINE HAND OF GUIDANCE

- No matter what we may think of ourselves, our wicked natures lurk
- Our evil inclinations harm our relationship with God
- Unaware, The Lord intervenes
- Without His intervention we would lose our way and our life's purpose would go unfulfilled
- David was on his way to commit blood-guilt

