

ROYAL RESPECT

I Samuel 24

**David demonstrates a proper respect for those
in authority and we should do the same.**

I. THE RECOGNITION OF ROYALTY (3-7)

- Acknowledging God's appointment of the king is commendable

A. THE SITUATION (3-4)

1. Positions (3)
2. Observations (4a)
3. Action (4b)

B. THE RESULT (5-6)

1. A bothered conscience (5)
2. A public confession (6a)
3. A godly conviction (6)

C. THE OUTCOME (7)

1. David's men restrained
2. David's king released

II. THE REGARD FOR ROYALTY (8, 11)

- Honoring the king is appropriate

A. A HUMBLE POSTURE (8)

B. AN HONORABLE ADDRESS (8, 11)

1. My Lord (8)
2. My Father (11)

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III. THE RESPONSE TO ROYALTY (9-11)

- Questioning the king is permitted

A. QUESTION HIS OBJECTIVITY (9)

1. What is your attitude?
2. Check your advisors!

B. ESTABLISH YOUR INNOCENCE (10)

1. Saul's experience: You're are an eye witness of what I did
2. David's resistance: I ignored my advisors advice
3. David's response: Pity and conviction

C. PROVE YOUR DEVOTION (11)

IV. THE REVENGE UPON ROYALTY (12-15)

- Killing the king is forbidden.

A. DAVID'S ATTITUDE

1. Let God be judge (12)
2. Let God intervene - See 26:10

B. DAVID'S RESOLVE (12-13)

1. My hand will not be upon him (12)
2. I'll not be associated with the wicked (13)

C. DAVID'S REASSURANCE (15)

1. God will judge between them
2. God will plead David's cause
3. God will deliver him from Saul

CONCLUSION:

Royal respect is not just an Old Testament ideal it has New Testament corollaries.

1. Recognize Royalty: Acknowledge God's appointment - Romans 13:1
2. Regard Royalty: Honor the king - I Peter 2:13-14, 17
3. Response to Royalty: Questioning is permitted - Acts 26:22-29
4. Revenge upon Royalty: Killing is forbidden - Romans 12:19-21

The underlying principle for us is that we have royal respect for those who rule over us.

*We need to realize that the office of civil authority is divinely ordained and maintained.
As such the office ought to be respected even though the person in that office is not acting respectably.*