

# THE PASSION & PURSUIT

A STUDY OF THE LIFE OF DAVID

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**Title: Test of Thrones**  
**Text: 1 Samuel 24**

**Target:** There will be multiple moments in your life that you will be mistreated, mishandled, maligned and marginalized. These instances are no respecter of person, position, or platform, but how you respond determines person, position and platform! This is why today's message is the next crucial step of understanding not just leadership, but life.

**The "Test of Thrones" is to choose to do the following:**

**I. Resist the Right:**  
1 Samuel 24:4

- A. **Perfect Opportunity:** "Here is the day"
- B. **Popular Opinion:** "do to him as it shall seem good to you"

**II. Regard Regret:**  
1 Samuel 24:5

- A. **Work of the Spirit:** "David's heart struck him"
- B. **Witness of Scripture:** (Num. 15:37-41; Deut. 22:12)

**Special Note:** David's act could be taken as rebellion against God Himself. Furthermore, the Law of Moses required all robes to have tassels at their corners to remind people of God's Law (Faithlife Study Bible)

**III. Respect the Rank:**  
1 Samuel 24:6-7

- A. **Placement of Authority:** "my lord"
- B. **Purpose of Anointing:** "the Lord's anointed"
- C. **Plan of the Almighty:** "persuaded his men" & "did not permit them"

**IV. Relent from Revenge:** 1 Samuel 24:12,15

- A. **Let God Arbitrate:** "give sentence"
- B. **Let God Appeal:** "plead my cause"
- C. **Let God Avenge:** "deliver me"

**Take Away:** God will never waste your Pain: There is a subtle lie from the enemy that in revenge one finds rest. In the words of Joseph and Paul, "what the enemy meant for harm or evil, God meant for good" and "all things work together for good to those who love God and are all called according to His purpose" (Gen. 50:20/Rom. 8:28)