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I. Tonight’s Powerball Winner—You!!!

A. How would you respond if you won the lottery?

B. What do we think of someone who says they’re going to use the money for charity or to help a sick relative?

1. It definitely goes against the grain.

II. A Report from the Front

A. David learns of Israel’s defeat and the death of Saul and Jonathan

1. Having returned from defeating the Amalekite raiders to rejoice with their families and rebuild their ruined homes, they have an unexpected visitor.

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B. The messenger misjudges

1. Producing tokens as proof, the young man claims to be the one who finished Saul off.

a. Some debate over the nature of this account.

b. David, however, fills us in on the messenger’s intent.

1b. 2 Sam. 4:9-10

III. A Grief that Reveals the Heart

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C. David’s Godward focus reaches out even to Saul who has so abused him.

1. This is evidence of God’s work in the heart.

IV. Vengeance on Anti-David

A. The messenger receives his “reward”

B. The one who honors the Lord’s anointed for the Lord’s sake vs. the one who used the Lord’s anointed’s death to his own ends.

C. The appropriate response: “Go, cut him down.”

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V. Not Just a Mourning, but a Memorial

A. David brings his creative skill once again to the service of Saul

1. Applies his talents to a lament that will outlive him

2. Book of Jashar: Josh. 10:12-13

B. The lament

a. Prohibition on rejoicing by Israel’s enemies

b. Curse on Gilboa

c. Eulogy for Saul and Jonathan

d. Call for appropriate mourning

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VI. Oh, for a Heart Like David's!

A. David is the right man for the job.

B. We have a congenital disposition to seek out and rejoice in circumstances that improve our lot.

C. God calls us to something higher.

1. Phil. 2:3-7

2. Matt. 5:43-48

D. This is a heart that must be cultivated.