"23 The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and faithfulness. The LORD delivered you into my hands today, but I would not lay a hand on the LORD's anointed. 24 As surely as I valued your life today, so may the LORD value my life and deliver me from all trouble."

(1Samuel 26:23-24)

Praise the LORD for His wonderful promise unto us: The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and faithfulness.

That was the promise of God to King David, and that what he said to King Saul, "The LORD delivered you into my hands today, but I would not lay a hand on the LORD's anointed.". The LORD delivered King Saul into the hand of David, but David did not do anything harmful to King Saul. The companion of David, "8 Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hands. Now let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of my spear; I won't strike him twice." 9 But David said to Abishai, "Don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the LORD's anointed and be guiltless? <sup>10</sup> As surely as the LORD lives," he said, "the LORD himself will strike him; either his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. 11 But the LORD forbid that I should lay a hand on the LORD's anointed. Now get the spear and water jug that are near his head, and let's go." (1Samuel 26:8-11)

David was in full obedience to the LORD and His commands; he knew that is not his job to lay hand and harm Saul. David

valued Saul's life because he valued God's word and commands.

That attitude of David secured to him the presence of God in his life. And as he obeyed the LORD and His command he claimed the promise of God, "As surely as I valued your life today, so may the LORD value my life and deliver me from all trouble."

Let us follow the example of King David if we want God to value our lives and deliver us from all our troubles.

Even if there are people who are trying to block us, hunt us and harm us, let us not behave as we are God and try to finish their lives or their rules. Let us wait upon God and let us stand in awe in His presence, and let us wait patiently till He rise up and avenge to us from our enemies and bring to us our rights in full.

## My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your ward that teaches me new attitude and new behavior that you want to see in my life. Lord I repent from the attitude of revenging. Lord I forgive the following people who had harmed me. Lord I commit myself unto your hands waiting patiently upon you till you come and give me my rights in full. Lord gives me patient and self-control while I am waiting for you to act. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

## The Lord Is My Shepherd

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"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."

(Luke 6:27)

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"19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

(Romans 12:19-21)