

in instances after instance where the heart of David was made manifest. You remember how Saul turned against David. David became an outlaw, and fled into the wilderness. There he had a band of men who were around him. There they fled from one place to another as Saul sent more and more people to try and take them captive. Then Saul came himself. You remember how David and his men were hiding in a cave, and Saul came into this cave and came into the entrance of it and fell asleep. And the men said, Look, look, there's your enemy. There's the man that is pursuing you. There's the man that's trying to kill you. Now's your chance to try to get rid of him. God has anointed you to be king. Saul will be out of the way. David said, God forbid that I should lift my hand against the Lord's anointed. And David went up and cut off a little corner from Saul's coat so that he could show Saul what danger he had been in. Then he went off in a distance, and he called to Saul, and he held it up, and he showed him, and he said, Look what I could have done. But you are the Lord's anointed. You're God's appointee for this position at this time. My time is not yet come. I will not lift my hand against you. God saw the heart of David. Saul was the man who appealed to people. He was a king after their -- the desires of the people. But God saw David's heart.

Well, you remember Saul said he would not hurt David, and he went back and pretty soon he changed his mood. And then he sent greater forces and David saw that his life would be in real danger as long as he kept on. And so he went down among the Philistines. There he worked with the Philistines in order to be safe from Saul, but he never would do anything to hurt Israel regardless of the way Israel had hurt him. Regardless of the way Saul had tried to kill him he would do nothing to hurt Israel. They were God's people, they were accomplishing God's purposes. He might have to leave them. He might be in danger from them, but he must not lift up his hand against those whom God had been using to accomplish God's purposes. Then you remember Saul was killed, and David knew he had been anointed to be king, but David said, It is in God's hands what is going to happen to me. David was ready to go out and risk his life against Goliath for the cause of the Lord, but when it came to advancing David he said, It's in God's hands. So he went up to Hebron, and there two tribes, one tribe and a portion of another made David king and for 7 yrs. he was king of this little section of S.