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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

GRACE ORIENTATION;

SAUL'S DEATH

1 SAMUEL 31:1–13

The Doctrine of Grace Orientation

1. Grace means *unmerited favor* or *undeserved merit* or *undeserved kindness*. This means that grace is benevolent action freely given without regard to the response.

2. Grace is freely given without condition and apart from merit in the beneficiary.

3. Grace in relation to our salvation and also the spiritual life operates through the non-meritorious operation of faith.

4. Grace means God does all the work; man trusts exclusively in God's provision.

Legalism and religion believe man does the work and God approves of, validates, or blesses man because of his efforts or intentions.

5. Grace orientation means to align our thinking to God's policy and live that out in our thinking, behavior, and habits.

6. Grace orientation will change your character. Graciousness does not deal with people on the basis of what they deserve, but often the opposite of what they deserve. Grace will be characterized by kindness, gentleness, and humility.

**Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,**

**Gal. 5:23, “gentleness, self-control. Against
such there is no law.”**

Saul's Final Chapter

1 Sam. 15:23, “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.”

1 Sam. 15:26, “But Samuel said to Saul, ‘I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.’ ”

Gen. 25:8, “Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people.”

Judg. 8:32, “Now Gideon the son of Joash died at a good old age, and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.”

1 Chron. 29:28, “So he [David] died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.”

Saul's Last Words

1 Sam. 31:4, “Then Saul said to his armorbearer, ‘Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and thrust me through and abuse me.’ ”

Judg. 16:30, “Then Samson said, ‘Let me die with the Philistines!’ And he pushed with all his might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life.”

David's Last Words (2 Sam. 23:1)

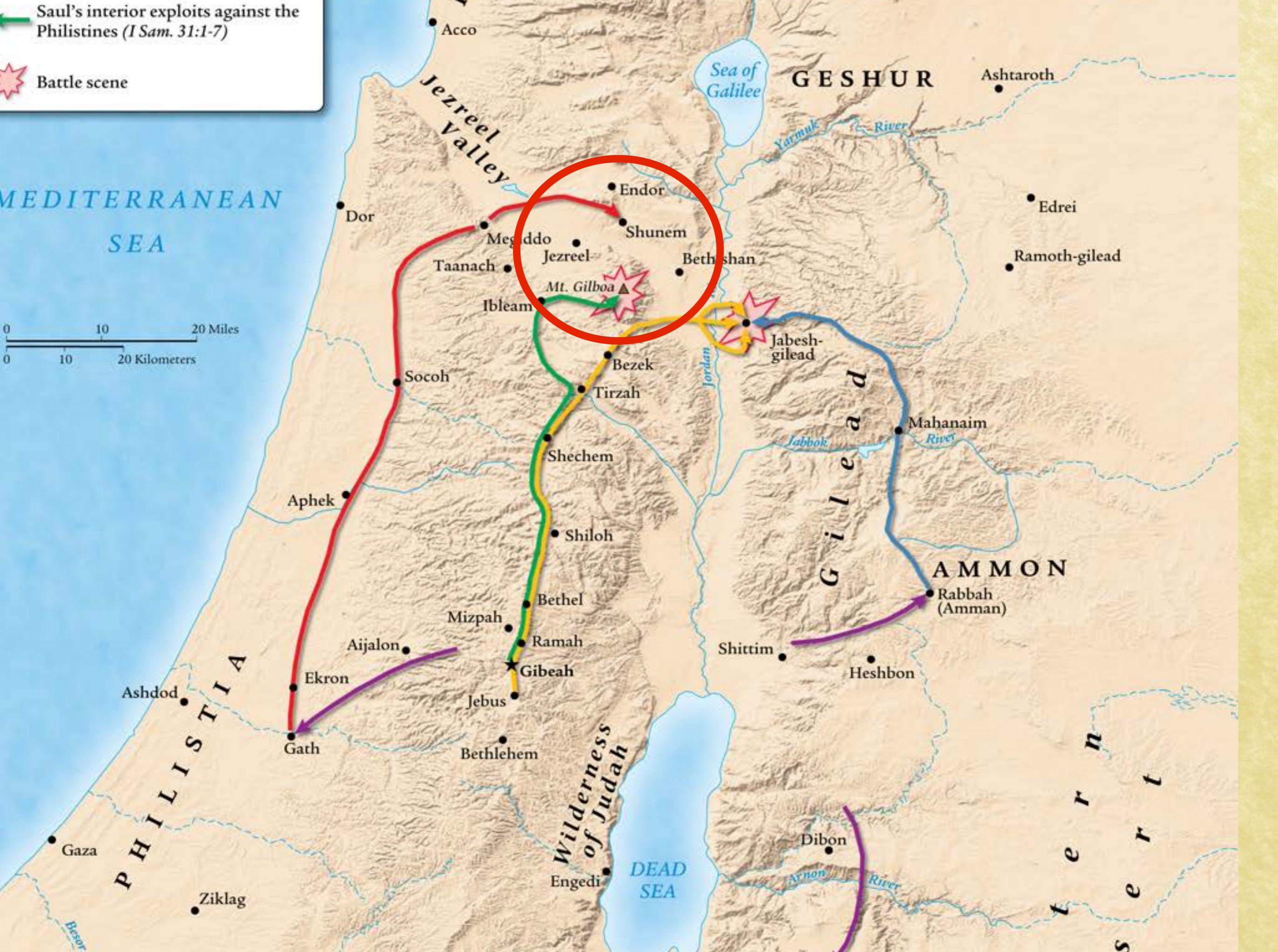
2 Sam. 23:1, “Now these are the last words of David. Thus says David the son of Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel:”

1 Sam. 31:1, “Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.

1 Sam. 31:2, “Then the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul’s sons.”

Saul's interior exploits against the Philistines (*1 Sam. 31:1-7*)

Battle scene





1 Sam. 31:3, “The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was severely wounded by the archers.”

1 Sam. 31:4, “Then Saul said to his armorbearer, ‘Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and thrust me through and abuse me.’ But his armorbearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell on it.”

1 Sam. 31:5, “And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword, and died with him.

1 Sam. 31:6, “So Saul, his three sons, his armorbearer, and all his men died together that same day.”

1 Sam. 31:7, “And when the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, and those who were on the other side of the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.”

1 Sam. 31:8, “So it happened the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

1 Sam. 31:9, “And they cut off his head and stripped off his armor, and sent word throughout the land of the Philistines, to proclaim it in the temple of their idols and among the people.”

1 Sam. 31:10, “Then they put his armor in the temple of the Ashtoreths, and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth Shan.”

1 Sam. 31:11, “Now when the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul,

1 Sam. 31:12, “all the valiant men arose and traveled all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth Shan; and they came to Jabesh and burned them there.

1 Sam. 31:13, “Then they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.”





Psa. 118:17, “I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

Psa. 118:18, “The LORD has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death.”

1 John 5:16, “If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.”

1 Cor. 11:27, “Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

1 Cor. 11:28, “But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”

1 Cor. 11:29, “For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.

1 Cor. 11:30, “For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

1 Cor. 11:31, “For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.”