

WHEN YOUR ENEMY FALLS

2 Samuel 1:1–2:7

What happens in our hearts when someone who has opposed us falls? Vindication can quickly become satisfaction, and another person's loss can easily look like our opportunity. David faced precisely that temptation when news arrived that Saul was dead. The man who had pursued him for years was gone, and the throne God had promised was finally within reach. Yet David did not celebrate Saul's fall or exploit it for his own advancement. He mourned, taught God's people to lament, sought the Lord's direction, and honoured those who had remained faithful to Saul. His response reveals a heart shaped by trust in God's providence, grief over the devastation of sin, concern for others, and humble attention to his own calling. In David we see both a model for God's people and a glimpse ahead to the perfect Son of David still to come.

David's Initial Response

1:1–16

David's Instructive Lament

1:17–27

David's Royal Blessing

2:1–7

How To Respond Well When Opponents Fall

1. Think rightly about *God*.
2. Think rightly about *people*.
3. Think rightly about *sin*.
4. Think rightly about *calling*.