



Scriptures and Doctrine :: Did Saul go into the cave to use the men's room?

Did Saul go into the cave to use the men's room? - posted by Santana (), on: 2009/8/25 10:28

Why did Saul go into the cave?

KJV: "cover his feet"

NKJV: "attend to his needs"

NASV: "went in to relieve himself"

What exactly is covering his feet?

Re: Did Saul go into the cave to use the men's room?, on: 2009/8/25 11:05

huh... maybe his feet were cold. Old man, poor circulation??

Re: Did Saul go into the cave to use the men's room? - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2009/8/25 11:29

Quote:

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Yes.

Re: , on: 2009/8/25 12:37

From what I have read (not that I have spent much time studying this!) is that this is exactly what Saul was doing.

An interesting side note is that with each new modern version to come out (some 80 new ones since 1881) this passage of scripture seems to get more and more vulgar. Why?

Krispy

Re: , on: 2009/8/25 12:45

Amazing! You want to deal with this vulgar topic. But you don't want to talk to me about the Bible?

Re: - posted by Santana (), on: 2009/8/25 12:49

Catholic, sorry but I'm not sure what you mean.

I was just wondering how we went from "covering his feet" to "relieving himself".

Re: , on: 2009/8/25 13:26

o.k. we can have some.....

this is supposedly from Weslys notes:

Wesley's Notes

24:3 Went in - To sleep there: Saul being a military man, used to sleep with his soldiers upon the ground. And it is not im probable, that being weary with his eager and almost incessant pursuit, first of David, then of the Philistines, and now of David again, he both needed and desired some sleep, God also disposing him thereto, that David might have this emine nt occasion to demonstrate his integrity to Saul, and to all Israel. Of the cave - For that there were vast caves in those pa rts is affirmed, not only by Josephus, but also by Heathen authors; Strabo writes of one which could receive four thousa

nd men.

However I think there are more important issues to occupy our time. Just my opinion.

Re: - posted by hulseys (), on: 2009/8/25 13:47

Well, to answer your question. In Hebrew, to cover one's feet is a polite way of saying using the restroom. The KJV often translated it 'taking a nap' or sleeping...not really sure why. They translated it that way too when Elijah was taunting the prophets of Baal. Where he suggests that maybe he's taking a nap the Hebrew reads 'Covering his feet'.

Re: Did Saul go into the cave to use the men's room? - posted by ccchhhrrriiss (), on: 2009/8/25 17:54

Let's just say that Saul went into the cave...and leave it at that.

:-P

Re: , on: 2009/8/25 19:17

If everyone got their mind out of the gutter, you'd be able to see that "relieving" yourself can mean much more than going to the bathroom. If my feet are cold, I can go into a cave and relieve myself. In other words, I can put a blanket on them to relieve myself of the cold.

If someone is on fire, you can relieve them by throwing water on them.

Haven't you ever said, "Oh, I feel great relief!" Does that mean you feel like you really need to go to the bathroom? No. You get what I'm saying? I hope so.

Re: - posted by hulseys (), on: 2009/8/25 19:20

I don't think Santana's mind was in the gutter, it seemed like an honest question to me; albeit a delicate subject, but still an honest question nevertheless.

Granted, there could have been a better way to ask, perhaps through pm's but I'm not going to judge the intentions of the post in that I don't think any harm or irreverence was intended.

Re: - posted by Santana (), on: 2009/8/26 13:04

Thanks Hulseys, maybe I could've worded it a little bit different, your right.

Someone said that I should be occupying my time with more important things but this is still the bible; another verse to dissect.

I want to know what led him to go into a cave where his enemy was. There's no vulgarity here.

Re: - posted by White_Stone (), on: 2009/8/26 13:21

It would help me to have Book/Chapter/Verses posted for scripture to be considered. Not that my time is important but it is limited. :-)

I would like to check in my Matthew Henry Commentary and see what is there.

Thanks,
white stone

Re: Did Saul go into the cave to use the men's room?, on: 2009/8/26 13:29

When one is walking for a long time, particulay with uncovered feet in a desert climate, no boots etc, cracks begin to develop. Our skin harbor many harmful bacteria's, the feet are vulnerable to such bacteria's and a good way to disinfect such areas are to use urine. Gross as it sounds, urine, one's own, has amazing properties in this regards.

I found this out the hard way, as I contracted a very nasty life threatening Strep Group B Blood infection in my left instep, however in 2008 the doctors used a cocktail of 3 antibiotics to combat this fell bacteria, but in 1000 BC, we didnt have such medicine...thats my read on this, AND I believe no question, innocently and earnestly asked is inappropriate in regards to God's Holy Word. Our Father loves when we pursue the knowledge of His Word, thats my conviction.

God bless you dear brother, neil

ps. I also believe that a man, who has a rural area to relieve one's self should always use the great outdoors, rather than waste precious water. Women , of course, have different needs.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/8/26 15:09

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Re: , on: 2009/8/26 17:31

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lol

Yes, I understand the human propensity for discussing such things. For me, there are certain things that just aren't that important to know.

Saul went into a cave. Whether he went in there to take a nap, massage his feet, or, well, relieve himself -- the important thing was that he went into a cave and simply "relieved" himself. Who knows what he did in that cave? Saul...and God . Me?

I'm just not that concerned about what Saul was doing when David cut off a piece of his robe.

:-P