

DAVID'S FAILURE TO LOOK TO THE LORD

(1 Samuel 21)

I. SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)

II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

III. DAVID (1 Samuel 16-31)

A. David's RISE to PROMINENCE (1 Samuel 18)

B. David's FALL from Saul's FAVOR (1 Samuel 19)

C. Jonathan INTERVENES for his dear friend David (1 Samuel 20)

D. David is a FUGITIVE as he is PURSUED by Saul (1 Samuel 21)

1. David flees in fear to the city of Nob (21:1-9)

a. Ahimelech the priest was _____ and very _____ of David's arrival without a royal _____.

b. David _____ to the priest and told him that he was on a _____, _____ mission from the king.

c. After explaining his mission, David asked for _____ to _____ his strength.

* According to the priest, what was the only bread available?

* Would eating this bread violate the Mosaic Law?

* Did these actions go unnoticed by the king's servants (21:7)?

d. David asked the priest if there were _____ of any kind.

* What is sadly ironic about David's behavior?

* Evidently there was but one sword available, and to whom did it once belong?

2. David flees in fear to the Philistine city of Gath (21:10-15)

* What is comical about David's choice of city of refuge?

a. David was immediately _____ by the Philistine servants, and he was identified as "*the _____ of the land.*"

* What is telling about the Philistines bringing up the Israelite "top 40 hit"?

b. David now _____ another _____, King Achish.

c. David actually pretended to be _____ in front of King Achish.

* What does this say about the carnal mind?

* In what way can you personally apply this chapter?