

THE LORD'S DIRECTION AND PROTECTION FOR DAVID

(1 Samuel 23)

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)

E. The devastating CONSEQUENCES to David's sin (1 Samuel 22)

F. God's DELIVERANCE of David (1 Samuel 23)

1. David rescues Keilah from the Philistines (23:1-6)

a. When David heard that Keilah was in danger, he did not seek _____ nor did he immediately plan his battle strategy, but David's first action was to go _____ in prayer.

b. Even though David took the Lord's word by _____, it was evident that his men were going to need to _____ in this area.

* What is telling about the Lord's response in v. 4?

* How is the narrator's inclusion of the ephod significant (v. 6)?

2. David leaves Keilah to escape Saul (23:7-13)

a. Somehow Saul was _____ that David was in Keilah, so he assembled his men for _____.

b. David utilized Abiathar and his priestly _____ to inquire of the Lord whether he should _____ in Keilah or not.

* What can we learn about God's omniscience from verses 11 and 12?

* Why would the people of Keilah even consider turning David in after he rescued them from the Philistines?

* How much would it take for you to sell the Lord out, or another believer?

3. David lives in the wilderness of Ziph (23:14-18)

- a. The narrator underscored Saul's relentless pursuit of David with a summary statement in v. 14, "Saul sought him _____ day, but God did _____ deliver him into his hand."

* What does this say about Saul's will and God's will?

- b. Jonathan visited David in the forest of Ziph to encourage him on three specific points:

(1) "Do not _____, for the hand of Saul my father shall not _____ you..."

(2) You shall be _____ over Israel...

(3) and I shall be _____."

* Are you willing to encourage a brother or sister in the Lord?

4. Saul pursues David from Ziph to Maon (23:19-29)

- a. When the Ziphites _____ David's whereabouts to the king, Saul responded with, "Blessed are you of the _____, for you have compassion on _____."

* What does this statement reveal about Saul's mindset?

* Due to Saul's jealous fixation with David, what did he neglect to do?

- b. Divine _____ Saul's chance to finally capture David when he nearly had him surrounded.

* How does this chapter apply to you?