

David, Shepherd and King
#7 David Returns to Walking by Faith
1 Samuel 22 (2/14/10 AM)

1. David in the Cave (1-2)

The Lowest Point in His Young Life

Three significant things happened to David at this time.

- **David was _____ refocused**

“Adullam” means refuge. David discovered more in that cave than a physical place of safety. We know this because he wrote Psalm 142. In verses 5-7 David learned that his refuge was in the Lord.
God Is Always More Concerned with Our Character than Our

- **David was _____ renewed**

David also wrote Psalm 57 at this time. His depression and sense of isolation had passed. He began to see God working again in his life.

David’s _____ Had Not Changed; David Had Changed

- **David was _____ reinforced**

The people had wanted a king like all the other nations and that is exactly what they got in Saul. The entire nation was suffering under his reign.

This group of four hundred outcasts became the nucleus of what became known as David’s “mighty men”, 2 Samuel 23 and 1 Chronicles 11.

David Put His Faith in the Lord and the Lord began Putting Things _____ for David

2. David in Moab (3-4)

David Trusted God but He Distrusted Saul

David did not presume upon the grace of God. David understood that he had to take responsibility for the protection of his family. David’s great-grandmother, Ruth, was from Moab.

- **David’s words revealed his renewed spiritual _____**

David has recovered his faith in the Lord. It makes all the difference when we view our problems from a divine perspective.

David Will _____ and Trust God to Work out His Plan for David’s Life

3. David in Judah (5)

David’s Faith Was Tested Again

After seeing his family safely escorted to Moab David returned to his stronghold. David sought refuge in different wilderness fortresses during this period in his life. David then received a divine command. God had both practical and spiritual reasons for David to do this.

- **David would provide _____ for God’s people**

David by faith obeyed God’s word. David had learned that his real refuge was the Lord. This theme runs throughout David’s psalms, 62:8 & 142:5.

David Learned that He Was Safer in Judah because He Was in the _____

4. Saul in Gibeah (6-23)

Saul Feared a Conspiracy

Saul was holding court (6) “under a tamarisk tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand.” Whenever Saul is holding his spear he seems intent on hurting someone. Saul appears to have given the members of his own tribe preferential treatment. (7) “Hear now, you Benjamites!” He is an example of the lowest form of leadership. He had bought the loyalty of his followers with land grants and political promotions. Even so Saul saw enemies on every side. (8) “All of you have conspired against me.” He became increasingly paranoid and self absorbed. (8) “...there is not one of you who is sorry for me.” Saul led through guilt and accusation. This caused Saul to lose touch with reality. (8) “...my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as it is this day.” He thought that David was trying to kill him. Doeg wanted to deflect Saul’s anger away from Saul’s servants to the priests. Doeg was not a Jew. The Edomites were enemies of Israel. Saul had fought against them

earlier. Saul had gone so far from the Lord that he no longer was able to distinguish right from wrong.

- **Saul demanded that the High Priest _____ to him**
Saul called Ahimelech to Gibeah to give an account of his actions. (13) “Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse?” Saul should have fallen on his knees before the priest of the Lord confessing his sins. Ahimelech’s words were those of an innocent man. Saul who earlier was willing to spare the Amalekites is not willing to spare the Israelite priests. Saul’s command to kill the priests was so outrageous his own bodyguards would not obey it. Doeg killed 85 priests and destroyed the entire city of Nob.

This Is an Example of the _____ of the Will of God

This horrific act was actually a fulfillment of prophecy concerning the High Priest Eli and his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas. 1 Samuel 2:27-36, “Then a man of God came to Eli and said to him, ‘Thus says

the LORD...Behold, the days are coming that I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house...Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind.’”

David, Saul and Doeg were responsible for their actions but it was part of God’s sovereign plan.

1 Sam 22:13-23, “Now one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after David...So David said to

Abiathar, ‘I knew that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have caused the death of all the persons of your father's house.’” The consequences of sin are inescapable.

Both Prophet and Priest Now _____ with David