

David, Shepherd and King
#6 David Walks out of God's Will - 1 Samuel 21
(2-7-10 AM)

Circumstances Never Justify What Is Essentially _____

He begins to trust in his own instincts for survival. Those instincts will lead him down the path of deception, Proverbs 14:12.

1. David Goes to the Priest at Nob (1-9)

Fear Is Ever the Enemy of Faith

Ahimelech asked David a direct question.

• **David _____ to the priest of the Lord**

The law clearly forbids lying, Leviticus 19:11. David would as king write Psalm 101:7, "He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house."

David's deception will cause the death of 85 priests, their families, and the entire town of Nob (7).

Numbers 32:23, "be sure your sin will find you out." There are no exceptions, no special cases, and no exemptions.

The Choice to Sin Includes the _____ of Sin

• **David _____ of the priest of the Lord**

David needed provisions for himself and his men. The fact that there were no provisions for Ahimelech to share with David reveals the sad spiritual state of Israel. The "holy bread" was the twelve loaves that were placed in the holy place. The loaves stood for the twelve tribes of Israel. They also symbolized God's continual presence. The bread was replaced each Sabbath and was to be eaten only by the priests. The showbread was also a type of Christ, "the Bread of Life" John 6:48.

David assured Ahimelech that his men were not ceremonially defiled (5).

David saw Israelite warfare from a spiritual point of view. The ESV reads "The vessels of the young men are holy even when it is an ordinary journey. How much more today will their vessels be holy?"

The sense is that since David was supposedly about the king's business he was therefore about the Lord's business. His argument convinced Ahimelech. (6) "So the priest gave him holy bread..."

David's Sin Was Not Ritual but _____

David did not sin by eating the bread; he sinned by lying to the priest and misrepresenting his actions. Jesus used this incident to teach the Pharisees' a lesson on ritualism, Matthew 12:1-4.

• **David relied on the _____**

When David faced Goliath he declared "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel", 1 Samuel 17:45.

The last time David held that sword in his hand he had cut off Goliath's head. David did not win that victory with Goliath's sword. He won that victory by faith in the Lord, 1 Samuel 17:46, "This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head..."

Am I _____ On a Goliath Sword In My Life?

2. David Flees To the King of Gath (10-15)

A Low Point in David's Life

David goes to enemy territory. Gath was one of the five ruling cities of the Philistines. David walked out of the covenant land to go to a pagan area. He symbolizes the believer who is out of fellowship with Jesus and trying to live in the world.

• **Reliance upon human reason results in _____**

Goliath was from Gath. We saw earlier that this is where the Anakim fled to in the days of Joshua. David walked into Gath with the sword of Goliath hanging on his side. This is not the place a man after God's own heart should be! David has placed himself in a dangerous situation (11).

_____ Came Out of this Experience

David learned through this experience that he could always rely upon God. David wants his readers to know that God is faithful even when we are not.

David learned that the remedy for fear is faith in the Lord.

Psalm 56:3, "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You."

David was reminded that God's concern for him was constant. God knows all about his situation and he was not alone

Psalm 56:8, "You number my wanderings; put my tears into Your bottle; are they not in Your book?"

• **Resorting to deception results in _____**

In the east a man's beard was the symbol of his manhood. David disgraced himself in front of those he had formerly defeated. This is the same man who in (19:8) "struck them with a mighty blow, and they fled from him."

In ancient times disturbed people were often thought to be possessed by a deity of some kind. The king feared some kind of personal injury if he allowed David into his service (14-15)

David's actions were completely unworthy of the Lord's anointed.

David wrote _____ after his escape. This is a hymn of praise for God's deliverance.

Psalm 34:4, "I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. (6-7) This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. (15) The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. (17-19) The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. (22) The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned."

David Experienced the _____ of God In the Midst of Trials Partly of His Own Making