

1 Samuel Lesson 41 David Continues His Flight and Saul has the Priests Slain Part 1

Key Themes in 1 Samuel

- The connection between our obedience and our relationship to God
- God opposes the proud and exalts the humble
- Despite human evil, God is working out His purposes in history
- Kingship in Israel and God's plan to one day raise up an anointed divine king

Background:

Cave of Abdullam : Its location was apparently in a kind of "No man's land" between Philistine and Israelite territory

Prerogatives of the King's Officers: One of the ways that a king in the Ancient Near East maintained the loyalty and support of his military commanders was to grant them land with the rights to its harvest and resources.

Gad: A prophet who advised David after he fled from Saul (1 Samuel 22:5) He later came to David with God's options when David sinned by taking a census of Israel.(2 Samuel 24:11-14) Gad also brought God's orders to David for the building of an altar apparently on the sight of the future temple(2 Samuel 24:18-19)

Key Word

stronghold: Strong's H4686 "matsuwd" castle, defense, fortress, stronghold

Read 1 Samuel 22: 1-8

David departed from Gath and went and hid in a cave called Abdullam. His family, who were also in danger from Saul, joined him there. David took his parents to Moab for their safety. He may have felt it was a good refuge for them because of their Moabite Ancestry through Ruth.

1 In 1 Samuel 22:1 David's brothers and all his father's household gathered with David at the cave of Abdullam? According to 22:3 what did David do for his parents and what does this reveal of David's heart?

2. In 1 Samuel 22:2 we see that about 400 other men gathered to David and he became their captain.. Describe these men. Under David's leadership what did these men become? See 1 Samuel 23:5 and 27:8,9.

Application: Before we knew Christ personally we were separated from God and His kingdom. However, as Christians we are now being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. What can you learn about the process and goal of this transformation from the following verses? Romans 8:29:12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:17,

3. According to 22:5 who came to David to offer advice? Was this advice God's provision for David? What was David advised to do and how did he respond? Did this take faith on David's part?

Application: At times God gives us direction that does not make sense to us in human terms. What attribute(s) of God enable us to trust Him if and when this happens. Have you experienced this in your walk with God? If so, please describe.

4.. According to 22:7-8 what strategies did Saul use to demand the loyalty of his men? What did he accuse his men of? Is there any evidence for Saul's accusations? What do these two verses reveal about Saul's state of mind ?

5. Compare Saul's treatment of his men and family with that of David's treatment of his family and the men the Lord gave him. How can you apply this to the people God has entrusted you to care for and lead?

