

DAVID RECEIVES DIVINE DISCIPLINE

1 Samuel 21:1-31:13

Key Verse 24:6

* DAVID BECOMES A SHEPHERD OF BUMS AND OUTCASTS (21:1-23:29)

1. *As David began his life as a fugitive, where did he go first? Who was Ahimelech and how did he help David? What rules did he break and what risks did he take to do so? Who witnessed this event? (1-9)*
2. *Where did David seek refuge after this? Why? Why could he not find refuge there? How did he escape? What does this show about him?(10-15)*
3. *Locate the cave of Adullam on a map. Describe the motley crew of men who came to him there. What was David's situation? How did he show himself to be a shepherd of his people despite his situation?(22:1-5)*
4. *In the meantime, what was Saul's preoccupation? How did Doeg show himself to be an opportunist? What happened to Ahimelech, his family and his city? Why? Who escaped? What does this show about Saul?*
5. *When David heard that the Philistines had attacked Keilah, what did he do? When his men were afraid to go to the rescue of Keilah, what did David do? What happened? (1-6)*
6. *When David heard that Saul was after him, what did he do? How did God answer his prayer, rescue and protect him? (7-13) How did Jonathan encourage him? Who betrayed David and how did God rescue him?*

* DAVID FEARED AND LOVED GOD (24:1-26:25)

7. *What opportunity did David have to kill Saul? Why didn't he? How did he use this event to defuse Saul's determination to destroy him? What does this teach about David? (24:8-22)*
8. *Tell the story of how David met Abigail. (25) How did she help David? (25:26,30)*

What happened to Nabal, her husband?

9. *Read 26:1-25. What was the second opportunity David had to kill Saul? Why did he have every right to do so? What reason did he give for not doing so? Why did Saul give up that time and go home?*

** THE TRAGEDY OF SAUL'S SUICIDE (27:1-31:13)*

10. *Where did David go after this? How did he come to live in Ziklag? How did he convince Achish the Philistine that he was a friend and ally? Describe David's agony of soul during this year and 4 months.*
11. *Why did Saul become a slave of fear? (28:1-25) What did he do in his desperation? What did he learn?*
12. *As the showdown between Israel and the Philistines approached, what was David's impossible situation? How did God rescue him from an insoluble dilemma? (29:1-11)*
13. *What tragedy happened in Ziklag while David was gone? How did David and his men react? How could he find strength and help to solve the problem? (30:1-31; 30:6b-8)*
14. *What happened to Saul, his sons and to Israel in the big battle with the Philistines?*