

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why was Ahimelech, the priest, afraid of David?
2. Did David give Ahimelech an honest answer?
3. Was David justified before God in taking the shewbread?
4. What type of army did David organize? Who were they?
5. Why didn't David and his army stay in Moab with his folks?
6. If David trusted in God up to this point, why was he afraid of Saul?
7. How important is it to be able to relate with others in their needs?  
Is it necessary?

### SUMMARY:

David fled from Saul the king and came to Ahimelech the priest seeking food, for he had nothing. The priest gave him shewbread and also the sword of Goliath. In fleeing to Gath he became frightened of King Achish, feigned himself to be mad when he heard the people saying that he was David the king of the land.

As David escaped into a cave, those in distress, debt, and discontentment, came to David because they believed in him and were prepared to submit to him. David was their leader and captain and they trusted in him to give them a better life.

Often, similar experiences of distress, debt, and discontentment in our lives lead us to our Savior.

### NOTES:

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Reminder: any lesson text tagged with [\[SoF:nn\]](#) refers to item(s) #nn listed on our **Statement of Faith**. Teachers are encouraged as they lead discussions to emphasize ideas pertaining to our faith's profession. It is always a blessing to review how Biblically-based beliefs impact our lives, especially for new Christian believers or sincere seekers of truth.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #5

July 30, 2023

Third Quarter

### DAVID FLEES FROM SAUL

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**LESSON TEXT:** *1 Samuel 21:1-15; 22:1-2; Psalm 37:1-11*

**LESSON SETTING:** David, as a fugitive, receives help from the priests of Moab.

**TIME:** Approximately 1062 B.C.

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- I. DAVID'S FLIGHT.** 1 Samuel 21:1-15
  - A. David Goes to Ahimelech the Priest (vs. 1)
  - B. David Eats Hallowed Shewbread (vs. 6) Matthew 12:3-4
  - C. Asks for Sword for Protection (vs. 8)
  - D. David's Strange Behavior (vs. 13)
- II. DAVID'S FOLLOWERS.** 1 Samuel 22:1-2
  - A. His Brethren and Father's House (vs. 1)
  - B. Those in Distress (vs. 2) Psalm 116:3
  - C. Those in Debt (vs. 2)
  - D. Those Discontented (vs. 2)
- III. DAVID'S FAITH.** Psalm 37:1-11
  - A. Trust in God (vs. 3) Psalm 118:8; Proverbs 3:5; Isaiah 26:3
  - B. Delight in the Lord (vs. 4)
  - C. Committal of Life (vs. 5) 2 Timothy 1:12; 1 Peter 4:19
  - D. Waiting for God. Isaiah 25:9; 33:2

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *COMMIT THY WAY UNTO THE LORD; TRUST ALSO IN HIM; AND HE SHALL BRING IT TO PASS.* Psalm 37:5

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** 1 Samuel 24:1-22; Psalm 25:1-22

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 1 Kings 1:41-53; Psalm 17:1-15;  
John 8:4-7

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Early Life of David

**TOPIC:** DAVID SPARES SAUL'S LIFE

**INTRODUCTION:**

Saul, through disobedience and self-will, had fallen from God's favor. God had told Saul that his kingdom would not continue after his death and that God had chosen a man after his own heart to succeed him. Saul, knowing David was that man, became jealous and sought to kill him.

David had been anointed to be King by Samuel according to God's commandment and knew that he was to be King of Israel. Even though David was to flee for his life and live in constant fear of Saul, he trusted in God to fulfill His promise to make him King. The incident in today's lesson gave David opportunity to help speed God's plan, but David refused to interfere in any way with the unfolding of the will of God in his life. Rather he was content to wait upon God to lead the way in his life. How we need to learn this lesson for our lives that God may have his way and that we may be as useful tools in the hands of the Master.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Though troubles may come to the righteous, God will deliver those who put their trust in Him.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THEM WHICH HATE YOU.*  
Luke 6:27

The mind of the flesh responds to evil deeds of enemies with hate and the desire to return what has been received in like manner. This is the desire for vengeance that comes to all who are proud and arrogant. The result is always the same—more hate, mistrust, and trouble. The breach becomes greater.

There is an alternative for this provided by God. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good." And, "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you." This is God's way for our lives. This method often brings reconciliation and re-establishes the proper relationship between people. Even when the desired results are not obtained, if we follow God's way in this for our part we will not lose our reward.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 31 – Aug 6**

- Mon. \*David Spares Saul's Life. 1 Samuel 24:1-7
- Tue. \*David Appeals to Saul. 1 Samuel 24:8-15
- Wed. \*David's Kindness Wins Saul. 1 Samuel 24:16-22
- Thu. David Protects Saul. 1 Samuel 26:1-12
- Fri. David Wins with Kindness. 1 Samuel 26:13-25
- Sat. \*God's Guidance for the Meek. Psalm 25:1-10
- Sun. \*David Appeals to God. Psalm 25:11-22

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