

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How should we cope with the trials in our lives?
2. What are some of the promises for the believer in times of great distress?
3. How does the Apostle Paul consider temporal losses? (Philippians 3:8)
4. How does the Lord consider temporal losses? (Matthew 19:29)
5. Why should a believer always thank and praise the Lord?

### SUMMARY:

David and his men experienced great losses. David found his encouragement, his strength, his guidance, and his enabling in the LORD his God. He recovered all he lost, and more besides.

In Christ we will always gain more than we lose. We may have testing, loss, trial, and discouragement, but He is our strength and our hope. In Him we have everything. Without Him we have nothing.

Psalm 27 beautifully expresses the treasure David found in God; an experience we, too, can share.

### 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 #8

August 20, 2023

Third Quarter

### DAVID RECOVERS HIS FAMILY

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**LESSON TEXT:** *1 Samuel 30:1-19; Psalm 27:1-14*

**LESSON SETTING:** While David was away from his home in Ziklag, the Amalekites burned the city and took the inhabitants captive.

**TIME:** 1056 B.C.

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- I. DAVID'S LOSS.** 1 Samuel 30:1-6
  - A. Temporal Losses (vs. 1-6) Job 1:14-21; Matthew 10:39; 19:29; Luke 14:33; Philippians 3:8
  - B. Spiritual Loss. Luke 9:25; 12:20; 2 John 8
  - C. Encouragement (vs. 6) Isaiah 25:4, 9; Jeremiah 16:19
- II. DAVID'S RECOVERY.** 1 Samuel 30:7-19
  - A. Seeking God's Will (vs. 7-8) 1 Samuel 23:4, 9-12; Matthew 26:39; John 7:17; Romans 12:1-2
  - B. Recovery and Blessing (vs. 9-19) Job 42:10-13
- III. DAVID'S SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT.** Psalm 27:1-14
  - A. Praise (vs. 1-6) Isaiah 43:21; Hebrews 13:15; 1 Peter 2:9
  - B. Prayer (vs. 7-14) Psalm 145:18; Luke 18:1; Philippians 4:6; Colossians 4:2

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *DAVID ENCOURAGED HIMSELF IN THE LORD HIS GOD.*

1 Samuel 30:6

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Psalm 19:1-14  
**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 8:1-9

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Early Life of David

**TOPIC:** OUR WONDERFUL GOD

**INTRODUCTION:**

The very creation of the world and all nature as we know it, reveals the nature and power of God. His gentleness and tenderness are revealed in the flowers of the field, the soft blades of grass and the soft breezes that blow. His goodness is revealed in the provision of food, the heads of grain, the ears of corn and the beautiful fruits and all other things necessary to sustain life. His judgments against evil are often revealed in terrible earthquakes, powerful tornadoes, and floods.

His Word also reveals the nature of God in a similar way. His condemnation of sin, His abhorrence of it, and His judgment of it are surely revealed in a terrible way. His goodness toward mankind is revealed in the revelation of His Son as atonement for sin and as a sacrifice whereby sin can be forgiven. His love and tenderness is revealed when men come with broken and contrite hearts and seek His healing and forgiveness. How graciously He extends His forgiveness and love to those who repent and are converted. How graciously He bestows the power of the Holy Spirit to those who desire to walk with Him so that there can be a victorious life!

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** When conditions around us are discouraging, we can look up and find encouragement in God.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD; AND THE FIRMAMENT SHOWETH HIS HANDIWORK.*

Psalm 19:1

How often each of us have been out in our yards, or on a farm, or in the mountains, away from the noises of life and have looked up into a clear sky. We marvel at the azure blue of the heavens and tufts of clouds floating overhead. At night we marvel at the multitude of stars and try to imagine the vastness of space. Then we realize that this is beyond our comprehension and our beings swell with the fact that a great and glorious Creator has put it all in place.

In our busy way of life we rob ourselves of these precious moments of meditation by not finding time to set apart in solitude to view God's handiwork. God's creation gives evidence of Him and His judgments. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; ... so that they are without excuse:" (Romans 1:18-20)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 21 – 27**

Mon. The Value of Reading the Scriptures. Nehemiah 8:1-8  
Tue. \*God Revealed in the Universe. Psalm 19:1-6  
Wed. \*God Revealed in the Scriptures. Psalm 19:7-14  
Thu. The Greatness of God. Psalm 8:1-9  
Fri. God Praised in the Heavens. Psalm 148:1-6  
Sat. God Praised on the Earth. Psalm 148:7-14  
Sun. The Need of Praising God. Psalm 150:1-6

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