

Don't Keep Running, Rest in Faith!

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1 Samuel 21:1-15

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David goes to places we often visit...

- David flees first to Nob and then Gath
- Nob - the place of David's unholy flight of fear...
- Gath - the place of foolish and mad refuge...
- We too often in fear run to these places instead of our God

A Fearful Flight to Nob

- David is again fleeing...
- David had been so faithful^{16:7,17:26} and trusted God
- God gave him covenant friend^{18:3}, victories^{18:30}
- God's favor made Saul jealous^{18:11,19:1}
- David has been fleeing for some time, flees to Nob
- David ran to king's son^{19:1}, then prophets^{19:18}, now priests
- Ahimelech^{from Eli} was scared of David
- David doesn't tell Ahimelech the truth... fearful?
- David could have trusted God and been truthful, but he lied
- Jesus talked of this event^{Mt12:3-4}
- David's actions left Ahimelech and priests in great danger²²

Five Loaves of Bread

- Only holy bread^{Lev21,24} present
- Ahimelech okay with David eating bread, asks if 'kosher'
- Jesus^{Mt12:5-7} focused on Sabbath not being a burden^{Hos6:6}
- An Ominous Comment: *7 Doeg the Edomite* was there

Seeking Goliath's Weapon

- David asks for a weapon⁸
- David likely knew Goliath's sword was here
- David who trusted God^{17:37}, now seeking worldly weapons
- Goliath's sword should have reminded David of God's favor

From the Frying Pan into the Fire

- David flees to Gath - Goliath's home town
- David was very well known - 200 foreskins^{18:7}
- David is quickly spotted and captured
- David feigns madness¹²⁻¹³
- God delivers David from this peril despite himself

Lessons from Nob & Gath

- Sins of unbelief have great consequences
 - Lies cost Ahimelech & priests their lives²²
 - David allowed fear to cause him to lie
 - David relied on sword rather than resting in God
- Even Believers Can Fall into Sin
 - David was faithful^{Act13:22} and trusted God
 - We also must be very vigilant^{1Cor10:12}
 - We must pray constantly for God to protect us^{Mt6:13}
- Life Changes Quickly - Always be Vigilant in Faith
 - David had been so faithful, lost sight of God's mercy
 - Believers also warned^{Heb3:6,12-14}
 - Gospel yourself and others EVERYDAY!
- Even Godly struggle with doubts, fears and resentments
 - Life in a Fallen world can be hard
 - Spend much time focusing on God's mercy & grace
- David wrote Psalm 56 & 34 'debriefing' these events - study them and learn from them!