

The Wilderness Years

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1 Samuel 22:1-23

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David Fleeing Again

- David flees from Saul, first to Nob and then Gath
- David escapes to the cave of Adullam
- Chp 22 – shows us the last of Saul’s crumbling heart
- Saul an antichrist^{1Jn2:18} - opposing God’s anointed
- We see what the reign of sin looks like in this chapter

David Regains a Godly Perspective

- David’s rash thinking & fear led to Nob & Gath, now in cave
- David seems to have regained his God honoring perspective
- David joined by the discontent² and debtors
- David pictures Christ - rejected by establishment^{Mt26:4;Jn7:1;11:53}
- David received outcasts like Christ receives and delivers us^{Ps2:1-3,4}
- David cares for his family, Christ cared for His family^{Jn19:26-27}

David’s Faith is Strong & Revived

- Now David seeks God’s prophets & inquires of the Lord^{23:2,10}
- David records what he has learned: Psalm 57, 142...
- God encourages David by sending prophet Gad⁵
- David obeys God’s word from the prophet

Saul Contrasted with David

- Saul sitting and seeking to rule w/ spear in hand⁶
- Saul’s rant of a toddler/middle-schooler⁶⁻⁸
- Saul can’t understand faith & duty only materialistic reward
- Saul gripped by self-pity & fear
- Saul bought loyalty from things taken^{1S8:14-15}, like Satan

Saul was playing Doeg’s Tune

- Imagine the awkward silence after Saul’s rant...
- Doeg saw an opportunity to gain favor with Saul, happy to deceive
- Saul doesn’t respect Ahimelech¹², listens to lies
- Saul fell into murderous rage¹⁶, orders death, soldiers refuse¹⁷
- But Doeg is happy to kill priests¹⁸ and whole city¹⁹
- Contrast Saul^{15:11,26} who refused God’s command w/ now using wicked Doeg to destroy holy things
- There will always be Doegs in this world until Christ returns

God’s Anointed Provides Refuge

- Abiathar alone escapes, flees to David
- Slaughter was judgment on house of Eli^{1S2:33}
- God’s purposes accomplished using sinful men WCF 3.1
- Beware, sin is serious, seek holiness & obedience^{1Pet1:13-16}

David Acts like the Anointed King

- David provides protection for Abiathar²³
- Now David has set aside fears & walks in faith with God^{Ps57:9-11}
- David foreshadows Christ the Messiah - receives outcasts and all who take refuge in faith^{Ps57:10}
- Be dissatisfied with the world and seek the Anointed One
- We may suffer with Christ, but the rewards are eternal!^{Heb13:12-16}