

Knowing Whose Hand Has You

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1 Samuel 23:1-18

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Setting the Stage

- David shows how to be a believer in a hostile world
- How do you deal with 'trials & troubles'?
- Beware of 'false teachers': problems=weak faith
- Jesus & apostles suffered^{Mt10:1-16, Lk9:2-22}
- The Anointed One had to suffer^{Lk9:22} That was God's plan
- Believers are also anointed^{2Cor1:21-22}; you're part of Messiah's plan
- Like David we will face suffering, use the Word^{Psa18:1-3}

A Repetition of Hand

- 'hand' used 8x
- David's hand held by God⁴; God's servant with tool in hand⁶; Saul's wicked hand^{7,11,12}; God won't put David in Saul's hand¹⁴; David's faith God encouraged by Jonathan¹⁶; Saul's hand useless w/God¹⁷
- Important Question: **Whose hand are you in?**

A Crisis Arises

- Crisis in Keilah comes to David's ear¹
- Crisis is really Saul's job he isn't doing^{10:1}
- But David loves God's people - attacks are devastating
- David doesn't just plunge in but inquired of the Lord²
- Apply: we should always 'inquire in God's Word'

A Powerful Contrast

- David wants to defend and protect God's people
- Saul, anointed to defend and protect is failing that task but rather he's permitting Doeg to slaughter a whole town^{22:19}
- David NOW acts in complete dependence upon God

Trust the Lord and Teach Others to Trust

- David's men were scared of engaging another enemy³
- David doesn't berate, but teaches them by inquiring of the Lord⁴
- He puts into practice what he learned previously^{Psa56:3}
- The men follow David & are rewarded by God⁵

But I'm Not King David – How to Apply

- God doesn't speak to us today like He did with David
- David unique in salvation history; Was example for us^{Rm15:4; 1Cor10:11}
- God doesn't speak to you like David because He's given His Word

God is Building a New Israel

- Abiathar brings the ephod in his hand⁶; priest's tool
- God is moving His favor from Saul to David's camp
- New Israel: Gad= prophet^{22:9}; Abiathar=priest⁶; David=king
- This is the formation of the New Israel... not complete until Jesus

A Foreshadowing of the True Messiah or Anointed One

- David foreshadows Jesus – the True Messiah
- Just as David rejected & suffered, Jesus rejected & suffered^{Jn1:10-11}
- This history is to point us to the true Spiritual Israel^{Rm9:6}
- God forms His kingdom with *a righteousness that is by faith*^{Rm9:30-33}
- Key Question for you? "In whose hand are you trusting?"
Self - like Saul=destruction; God's hand - like David=by faith
- Take God's gift of righteousness by faith^{Rm9:30} in God's provision of the Anointed One, the Messiah, don't stumble^{Rm9:33}