

The Kingdom of David
1 Samuel 22:1-10
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Overview

1. Further discussion of suffering, testing, and temptation
2. David in the cave of Adullam (v 1-5)
3. Saul learns of Ahimelech's assistance to David (v 6-10)

Suffering, testing, temptation

1. Spiritual warfare rages unseen about us
 - A. Suffering, testing, and temptation are a 'spin off' of this spiritual warfare
 - i. Suffering - Job an example ([Job 1:12-22](#); [2:4-10](#))
 - ii. Testing
 - a. Is of God - [Zech 13:9](#); [1Thes 2:4](#)
 - iii. Temptation
 - a. Not from God - [James 1:13-15](#)
 - b. From the devil - [Mt 4:1](#) (x [Mk 1:13](#), [Lk 4:2](#)) [1 Th 3:5](#)
 - c. Though from the devil, controlled by God - [1 Cor 10:13](#)
2. Testing
 - A. For refinement - [Prov 17:3](#); [Isa 48:10](#)
 - B. For confirmation - [James 1:12](#); [Dt 8:2, 16](#) ; [Pr 17:3](#)
 - C. For our learning - [Ps 139:23](#)
 - i. Reviewing a test should be an integral part of learning
 - ii. David asks to be searched and tried so that *he may know* if there is any wicked way in him. (God already knows - see vv 1-4)
3. The purpose of suffering and testing
 - A. [1 Pet 1:7](#); [4:12-19](#); [5:10](#)
 - B. [Phil 1:27-29](#); [3:7-11](#); [4:10-13](#)

David in the cave of Adullam

David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And he became captain over them. And there were with him about four hundred men. And David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother stay with you, till I know what God will do for me." And he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold. Then the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not remain in the stronghold; depart, and go into the land of Judah." So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.

1. *David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him.*
 - A. After departing from Gath, David goes to an area of Judah that is southwest of his home of Bethlehem. It is an area that has many caves, and this particular cave was near the town of Adullam.
 - i. [Ps 57](#) and [Ps 142](#) were written 'in the cave'
 - B. The news of his being in this area reaches his family, and they go to him
2. *And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And he became captain over them. And there were with him about four hundred men.*
 - A. *in distress - in debt - bitter in soul (discontented)*
 - i. A rather motley crew, to say the least.
 - B. Numbers 400 men, and David is captain over them.
 - i. Thoughts concerning the Kingdom of Christ - [Mt 8:20](#) and [Luke 8:3](#)
3. *David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother stay with you, till I know what God will do for me." And he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold.*
 - A. David is apparently concerned about his parents safety, as Saul might do to them what he will eventually do to Ahimelech the priest later in this chapter.
 - B. Takes them to Moab (an enemy of Saul - [1 Sam 14:47](#))
 - i. His parents stay in Moab
 - C. [Ps 57](#) and [Ps 142](#) both give some insight into David's seeking the Lord for deliverance.

4. *Then the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not remain in the stronghold; depart, and go into the land of Judah." So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.*
 - A. Gad eventually becomes David's seer ([1 Chron 21:9](#), [29:29](#); [2Chron 29:25](#))
 - B. Gad's advice is to depart and go into the land of Judah
 - C. David goes into *the forest of Hereth*
 - i. Both Josephus and the Septuagint refer to this as 'the city of Hereth

Saul learns of Ahimelech's assistance to David

Now Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men who were with him. Saul was sitting at Gibeah under the tamarisk tree on the height with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him. And Saul said to his servants who stood about him, "Hear now, people of Benjamin; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, will he make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, that all of you have conspired against me? No one discloses to me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse. None of you is sorry for me or discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day." Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who stood by the servants of Saul, "I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, and he inquired of the LORD for him and gave him provisions and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

1. *Now Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men who were with him.*
 - A. David's whereabouts is disclosed to Saul, along with information about the 400 men with him.
2. *Saul was sitting at Gibeah under the tamarisk tree on the height with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him. And Saul said to his servants who stood about him, "Hear now, people of Benjamin; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, will he make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, that all of you have conspired against me? No one discloses to me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse. None of you is sorry for me or discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day."*
 - A. Saul is concerned that none of his servants had given him this information. He seems somewhat paranoid that they had gone over to David (*will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, will he make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, that all of you have conspired against me?*)
3. Saul's perspective is that David is lying in wait for him (even though it is really Saul who is pursuing David).

4. *Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who stood by the servants of Saul, "I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, and he inquired of the LORD for him and gave him provisions and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."*
 - A. Doeg reports what he saw while at Nob (Chapter 21)
 - B. Sets the stage for the murder of the priests.