



THE BOOK OF samuel



Week 24: David Continues to Flee

Read 1 Samuel 22:1-5

1. Why does David's family join him?

Answer:

2. Why do those who are "down on their luck" join David?

Answer:

3. Why is the King of Moab so welcoming?

Answer:

4. Why can't David and his people stay?

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 22:6-10

5. Saul's paranoia now leads him into a full-blown conspiracy. Reading between the lines, what is his appeal/case to the leaders of Benjamin?

Answer:

6. Saul reveals that he no longer believes David to be the mastermind behind the plot to kill him. Who does Saul now suspect?

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 22:11-16

7. What is Ahimelek's argument against Saul's accusations? If they are reasonable, why doesn't Saul listen?

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 22:17-19

8. Why did the guards refuse to kill the priests?

Answer:

9. How do you see Saul embodying his identity as a “king like the other nations have”?

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 22:20-23

10. Why does David believe that this is all his fault?

Answer:

Psalm 57

For the director of music. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." Of David. A miktam. When he had fled from Saul into the cave.

¹ Have mercy on me, my God, have
mercy on me,
for in you I take refuge.
I will take refuge in the shadow of
your wings
until the disaster has passed.

² I cry out to God Most High,
to God, who vindicates me.

³ He sends from heaven and saves me,
rebuking those who hotly pursue
me—
God sends forth his love and his
faithfulness.

⁴ I am in the midst of lions;
I am forced to dwell among
ravenous beasts—
men whose teeth are spears and
arrows,
whose tongues are sharp swords.

⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.

⁶ They spread a net for my feet—
I was bowed down in distress.
They dug a pit in my path—
but they have fallen into it
themselves.

⁷ My heart, O God, is steadfast,
my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make music.

⁸ Awake, my soul!
Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.

⁹ I will praise you, Lord, among the
nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples.

¹⁰ For great is your love, reaching to the
heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the
skies.

¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.

