

In our last lesson we talked about David. Samuel anointed David as king. Then David fought the giant, Goliath, and killed him with one stone from his sling. At the end of our lesson, Jonathan had warned David that he needed to leave. Saul wanted David killed because he was so jealous of him.

After David left Jonathan, he did not have any food to eat. He did not have any weapons to defend himself. David left and went to the village of Nob.(1 Sam. 21:1) There was a priest there named Ahimelech. David was hungry and asked Ahimelech for bread. The only bread he had was the bread from the tabernacle.

Ahimelech gave David the bread because there was no other bread. One of Saul's servants was in Nob when David was there. His name was Doeg. David asked for a spear or a sword. The only sword there was the one that had belonged to Goliath. Ahimelech gave the sword to David. (1 Sam. 21:9)

David left that day and went to Achish, the king of Gath. One of Achish's servants knew who David was. He remembered the song that was sung about David. When David realized that they knew him, he was afraid. David pretended to be crazy. That made King Achish not want David to be around him. He wanted his servants to get rid of David. (1 Sam. 21:15)

David left and went to the cave of Adullam. (1 Sam. 22:1) David did not want Saul to find him and kill him. When David's father and brothers heard where he was, they went to be with him. Then other men started to go to be with David. David became the captain over the men. (1 Sam. 22:2) There were about 400 men with David.

Doeg, the servant of Saul, told Saul about seeing David in the city of Nob. He told Saul that Ahimelech had given David food and a sword. Saul was very angry at Ahimelech for helping David. Saul sent for Ahimelech and all the priests of Nob. (1 Sam. 22:11)

Saul told Doeg to kill Ahimelech and the other priests. (1 Sam. 22:28) He told Doeg to destroy the city of Nob. Ahimelech had a son named Abiathar. Abiathar was able to escape from the city of Nob. He went to David and told him what had happened. (1 Sam. 22:21) David was very sad that someone was killed because of him. David told Abiathar to stay with him and he would be safe.

David went to a place in the Wilderness of En Gedi. Someone told Saul where to find David. (1 Sam. 24:1) Saul took 3,000 men with him to try and find David. Saul went into the cave at En Gedi. David was in the same cave but Saul did not know it. David secretly cut off a piece of Saul's robe. (1 Sam. 24:4)

After Saul left the cave, David felt bad about what he had done. He went out to the entrance of the cave. He called out to Saul. David told Saul that he was not his enemy. David showed Saul the piece he had cut off his robe. David told Saul that he could have killed him in the cave if he had wanted to. Even though God no longer approved of Saul, David would not hurt him because he had been chosen by God. (1 Sam. 24:10)

This made Saul feel bad. Saul told David, "You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil." (1 Sam. 24:17) Even though Saul had tried to kill David, David allowed Saul to live.

The prophet Samuel was very old and he died. He was a great prophet, priest, and judge. (1 Sam. 25:1)
All of Israel was sad and mourned the death of Samuel.

David was hungry and did not have any food. There was a man named Nabal. He was very rich. David asked Nabal to help him. Nabal would not help David.

Nabal was a very selfish and mean man. His wife, Abigail, was very good and very beautiful. (1 Sam. 25:3) Abigail was not happy when she heard that Nabal would not help David. David was very angry. Earlier, David's men had protected Nabal's sheep from some bad men. But Nabal would not help them. Abigail sent her servants with food to David. Then Abigail went to David. David knew that the Lord had sent her. (1 Sam. 25:42) Abigail gave David bread, corn, sheep, and many other things.

The next morning, Abigail told Nabal what she had done. He was very unhappy with her. Ten days later, Nabal died. (1 Sam. 25:38)

Saul went out into the wilderness to try and find David. David sent out spies to see if Saul was close by. The spies went back and told David that Saul was close. (1 Sam. 26:4) David asked Abishai to go with him. They slipped into Saul's camp while he and his men were sleeping. (1 Sam. 26:7) Saul slept with his spear by his head. Saul's captain and the other men were lying around him. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David told him no.

David did not want to hurt Saul. He took Saul's spear and a jug of water that was at his head. Once again, David allowed Saul to live.

Then David went up on top of a hill. He called out to Saul and the others. David asked Abner, "why have you not guarded your lord the king?". David told them had been in their camp and taken Saul's spear and jug of water. (1 Sam 26:15-16)

Saul knew that David could have killed him. Saul told David that he had sinned against him. He told David that he would not hurt him. When David left there, Saul did not go after him.

The Philistines gathered together and were going to fight against Saul and his army. Saul cried out to the Lord asking what he should do. The Lord did not speak to Saul. (1 Sam. 28:6) The Philistines fought against Israel. Saul and his sons were killed. The name of the sons were Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua. It was very sad for Saul's life to end that way. Saul had been chosen by God because he was an honest and faithful man. But that had changed.

David was very sad because Saul and his sons were dead. Saul had tried many times to kill David, but God was with David. God protected him against Saul. God continued to give David victory over Saul. David was a good and honest man of God. Now that Saul was gone, it was time for David to reign as king.