

We will now begin the ninth lecture on 1 Samuel. /Today we will begin with 1 Samuel chapter 22. /The title is, "David Asks the King of Moab to Look After His Parents."
/Let's look at the main points.

/First, people come to David. /Verses 1-2. /Second, David asks the king of Moab to look after his parents. /Verses 3-4. /Third, Doeg reports everything about David to King Saul. /Verses 5-10. /Fourth, King Saul kills the priests and the people and animals of Nob. /Verses 11-19. /Fifth, Abiathar flees to David. /Verses 20-23.

/Read verses 1-2. /David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there. All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader. About four hundred men were with him.

/When David was in the cave of Adullam, his brothers and his father's household came to him. /They went because there was the chance that Saul would hurt David's parents and brothers. /Those who were in distress also came to David.

/Those in debt came to David. /Those who were discontented gathered around David. /Those who came to David were about four hundred in number. /Saul was an evil king, and hence, the people were discontented.

/Hence, there was no peace in the nation. /There were many who were in debt or were distressed. /Many of them then came to David and found comfort, peace, and protection.

/Verse 3. /From there David went to Mizpah in Moab and said to the king of Moab, "Would you let my father and mother come and stay with you until I learn what God will do for me?"

/David asked the king of Moab to look after his parents. /David was not able to take care of his parents because he was fleeing from Saul. /David had great love for his parents. /Thus, David fulfilled his responsibilities to his parents even as he fled and faced danger. /Ephesians 6:1-3.

/Verse 5. /But the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold. Go into the land of Judah." So David left and went to the forest of Hereth.

/The prophet Gad told David to go into the land of Judah. /The land of Judah may have been a bit dangerous, but David obeyed and went to the land of Judah.

/Verse 6. /Now Saul heard that David and his men had been discovered. And Saul, spear in hand, was seated under the tamarisk tree on the hill at Gibeah, with all his officials standing around him.

/Saul heard that David and his men had been discovered. /Saul was on the hill at Gibeah. /Saul sat under the tamarisk tree with his spear in his hand. /Then Saul asked his

men, "Where is the son of Jesse? Why won't anyone report him to me?"

/Verse 9. /But Doeg the Edomite, who was standing with Saul's officials, said, "I saw the son of Jesse come to Ahimelech son of Ahitub at Nob.

/Doeg the Edomite then reported David to Saul. /He said that he saw David meet Ahimelech son of Ahitub at Nob. /Doeg also told Saul that Ahimelech the priest gave David food to eat and gave him Goliath's sword as well. /King Saul then sent for Ahimelech the priest and his family.

/Verse 13. /Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, giving him bread and a sword and inquiring of God for him, so that he has rebelled against me and lies in wait for me, as he does today?"

/Saul questioned Ahimelech. /He said, "Why have you conspired against me with David?" /"Why did you give him bread and a sword?" /"Why have you conspired to kill me?"

/Verse 14. /Ahimelech answered the king, "Who of all your servants is as loyal as David, the king's son-in-law, captain of your bodyguard and highly respected in your household?

/Ahimelech said that David was loyal, and he lifted him up. /Then Ahimelech said that he did not know of any of this. /Ahimelech said that he never went against the king. /He said that he did nothing wrong against the king.

/Verse 16. /But the king said, "You will surely die, Ahimelech, you and your father's whole family."

/The king told his men to kill Ahimelech and all the priests. /Yet, his men did not want to kill the priests. /Hence, King Saul ordered Doeg to kill all the priests. /Doeg killed 85 priests.

/Verse 19. /He also put to the sword Nob, the town of the priests, with its men and women, its children and infants, and its cattle, donkeys and sheep.

/He also killed the men and women, the children and infants, and the cattle, donkeys, and sheep in Nob. /King Saul was terribly wrong in doing this. /Saul did wrong in killing the priests.

/The priests were not guilty of anything. /Saul even killed the men and women, and children and infants. /Saul was cruel and evil. /Saul mercilessly killed God's servants.

/If Ahimelech did wrong, Saul should have killed him only. /However, Ahimelech had done nothing wrong. /Still, Saul killed not only Ahimelech, but all the people in Nob as well.

/Ahimelech knew that David was a loyal servant. /Ahimelech thought that David was carrying out the king's commands. /That is why he gave David bread to eat. /This was a good deed. /Ahimelech the priest and his family were killed for doing good.

/Verse 20. /But Abiathar, a son of Ahimelech son of Ahitub, escaped and fled to join David.

/A son of Ahimelech escaped. /His name was Abiathar. /Abiathar fled to join David.

/Verse 23. /Stay with me; don't be afraid; the man who is seeking your life is seeking mine also. You will be safe with me."

/David spoke to Abiathar. /"Stay with me; don't be afraid." /"You will be safe with me." / David comforted and protected Abiathar.

/We will continue with 1 Samuel chapter 23. /The title is, "David Escapes from Danger." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, David saves Keilah. /Verses 1-5. /Second, David leaves Keilah. /Verses 6-14. /Third, Jonathan visits David for the last time. /Verses 15-18. /Fourth, the people of Ziph report David. /Verses 19-20.

/Fifth, Saul tells his men to track down David and report to him. /Verses 21-23. /Sixth, God allows David to avoid danger. /Verses 24-29.

/Read verses 1-2. /When David was told, "Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are looting the threshing floors," he inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go and attack these Philistines?" The LORD answered him, "Go, attack the Philistines and save Keilah."

/The Philistines attacked Keilah. /Keilah was located in the land of Judah. /Joshua 15:44. /David then asked God. /"Shall I go and attack these Philistines?" /"Should I go save Keilah?" /In verse 4, God said, "I am going to give the Philistines into your hand."

/Verse 5. /So David and his men went to Keilah, fought the Philistines and carried off their livestock. He inflicted heavy losses on the Philistines and saved the people of Keilah.

/David saved the people of Keilah. /David fought and defeated the Philistines. /David was currently fleeing from King Saul. /Still, David fought with the Philistines and saved Keilah, which shows that he had great faith. /David obeyed God's command for God's kingdom. /David saved Keilah.

/Verse 6. /(Now Abiathar son of Ahimelech had brought the ephod down with him when he fled to David at Keilah.)

/Abiathar brought the ephod with him. /Saul heard that David had saved Keilah.

/Verse 8. /And Saul called up all his forces for battle, to go down to Keilah to besiege David and his men.

/Saul called all his men to go down to Keilah. /Saul wanted to kill David and his men.

/Verse 9. /When David learned that Saul was plotting against him, he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod."

/David learned that Saul was plotting against him. /David told Abiathar the priest to bring the ephod. /Then David inquired of the LORD.

/David asked God in verse 11, "Will the citizens of Keilah surrender me to him?" /God answered him. /"The people of Keilah will surrender you to him." /David then had no choice but to take his men, about six hundred in number, and leave Keilah.

/David ran away to the Desert of Ziph. /The people of Keilah betrayed David's grace for them. /The people of Keilah were attacked by the Philistines. /David saved the people of Keilah.

/Yet, the people of Keilah were going to report David to King Saul. /The people of Keilah forgot about David's grace. /They surrendered to Saul's authority. /However, God protected David. /David ran away to another place.

/Verse 15. /While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life.

/David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph. /Jonathan came to David at that time. /Jonathan comforted David. /Jonathan told David to rely on and find strength in God.

/Verse 17. /"Don't be afraid," he said. "My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this."

/Jonathan came to David and helped him. /David was still fleeing from Saul and was in constant struggle. /No one helped David, and no one comforted David. /Jonathan came to help and comfort David.

/Jonathan helped David. /Jonathan spoke to David. /"You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you." /If King Saul were to die, Jonathan was to succeed him as king.

/However, Jonathan gave his rights to David. /Jonathan believed that it was God's will for David to become king for the advancement of God's kingdom. /Jonathan believed that Israel would thrive if David became king, not him.

/Jonathan knew very well of his own capabilities. /Jonathan also knew very well of

David's capabilities. /There are some people who do not think of their own capabilities, but only try to reach a higher status. /We must think of God's entire church.

/We must not only think of ourselves, but think of all of Israel. /We must use our faith for the welfare of the church. /Jonathan encouraged David. /Jonathan was faithful in doing God's work.

/Verse 19. /The Ziphites went up to Saul at Gibeah and said, "Is not David hiding among us in the strongholds at Horesh, on the hill of Hakilah, south of Jeshimon?"

/David hid on the hill of Hakilah. /However, the Ziphites reported David to Saul. /The Ziphites should not have done this. /David was loyal to God.

/David was a man who was used by God. /Yet, the Ziphites thought that they were being loyal to King Saul. /They were not loyal by killing David. /They followed Saul and his wrongdoings.

/Verse 21. /Saul replied, "The LORD bless you for your concern for me.

/Saul told the Ziphites to report to him if they found where David was hiding.

/Verse 24. /So they set out and went to Ziph ahead of Saul. Now David and his men were in the Desert of Maon, in the Arabah south of Jeshimon.

/A messenger came to King Saul. /"The Philistines are raiding the land." /Saul then broke off his pursuit of David. /Saul went to fight the Philistines. /In verse 28, it says that the place was called Sela Hammahlekoth.

/This means, "Rock of parting." /Saul parted and left. /Hence, David was saved. /David then ran away to the strongholds of En Gedi.

/Saul continuously chased after David to no avail. /Saul almost killed David. /Yet, God used the Philistines. /Therefore, Saul left to fight the Philistines.

/David was saved. /No matter how dangerous a situation may be, there is protection when God helps us. /We must keep our faith like David. /We do not need to worry no matter how great an enemy may be. /God saves us.

/We will continue with 1 Samuel chapter 24. /The title is, "Saul and David in the Cave." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, Saul takes three thousand men to find David. /Verses 1-2. /Second, David tears a corner of Saul's robe in the cave. /Verses 3-7. /Third, David does not hurt King Saul, and he explains his innocence. /Verses 8-15. /Fourth, Saul confesses his wrongdoings, and David gives his oath to Saul. /Verses 16-22.

/Read verses 1-2. /After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi." So Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crag of the Wild Goats.

/David ran away to the Desert of En Gedi. /Saul took three thousand men and set out to look for David.

/Verse 3. /He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave.

/There was a cave. /Saul went into the cave to relieve himself. /This means that Saul went in to take a nap and get rest. /Saul went into the cave to get some rest.

/However, David and his men were hiding in the cave. /David and his men were far back in the cave. /Saul's men were at the entrance to the cave. /Saul fell asleep. /At that moment, David crept up and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

/Verse 5. /Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe.

/Verse 6. /He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the LORD."

/David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of King Saul's robe. /David said that he would not hurt the one who had been anointed by God. /God anointed Saul because God was going to use him.

/God would judge Saul whether he did well or not. /God was the master of Saul.
/Therefore, David did not try to kill King Saul.

/David believed that God would judge King Saul if he did wrong. /Therefore, we must not judge servants who have been chosen by God. /God uses them and judges the good and evil.

/Verse 8. /Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.

/Saul woke up and went out of the cave. /Saul went outside. /David too went outside.
/Saul and David stood with some distance between each other.

/Verse 11. /See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. Now understand and recognize that I am not guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life.

/David spoke to King Saul, who was far from him. /“I cut off the corner of your robe.” /“Some urged me to kill you.” /“I will not lift my hand against my master, because he is the LORD’s anointed.”

/“I could have killed you, but I did not.” /“Yet, you are hunting me down to take my life.” /“I have not wronged you.”

/Verse 12. /May the LORD judge between you and me. And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.

/David believed that the LORD would judge the good and evil. /David believed in God’s sovereignty. /God specially reigned over the one who was anointed by the LORD.

/The anointed one would be blessed if he obeyed God. /However, if the anointed one disobeyed God’s will and sinned, he would receive judgment before God. /We must believe in God’s sovereignty.

/We must acknowledge that God appointed his servants. /David entrusted everything to God’s will. /David did not act anyway he wanted to. /David only did good.

/David also left everything in God’s hands. /David remained a servant even when King Saul tried to kill him. /David respected King Saul. /David also respected Saul as his father-in-law. /This was David’s faith.

/Verse 16. /When David finished saying this, Saul asked, "Is that your voice, David my son?" And he wept aloud.

/Saul was moved by this. /Saul wept aloud. /In verse 17, Saul said, “You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly.” /David had a great opportunity to kill Saul, but he did not.

/David only cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. /Saul heard this and he conscientiously confessed. /Saul was greatly moved. /David defeated evil with good.

/Thus, Saul had no choice but to completely surrender to David. /David defeated his enemy with love. /David defeated his enemy with love. /We too must win. /Judges 14:14.

/Verses 21-22. /Now swear to me by the LORD that you will not cut off my descendants or wipe out my name from my father's family." So David gave his oath to Saul. Then Saul returned home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

/Saul told David to give him his oath. /Thus, David gave his oath to Saul. /David gave his oath to Saul, and Saul returned home.

/David and his men went up to the stronghold. /In this way, David continued to do good.

/Here we will conclude the ninth lecture on 1 Samuel. /Thank you.