

# The Book Of 1 Samuel

## Wednesday Noon Bible Study

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### Lesson 42 A Few More Thoughts On A Leader

- As you and I get serious about Bible Study, we will discover that there are words and phrases that will stand out in the text we are studying. For me personally, the phrase in **verse 1 of 1 Samuel 22... they went down thither to him...** and the phrase **...gathered themselves unto him...** really spoke to my heart personally.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Point True Leaders Attract The Best

- **What did these men see in David?**
- These men saw in David the only hope for a successful kingdom.
- The text tells us that these men who came to David were discontent.
- They were discontent because they saw how King Saul was ruining the nation.
- They saw in David someone who can get them out of debt.
- They had watched how David behaved himself and they saw how King Saul behaved himself.
- The Apostle Paul had just as much to say to Timothy and Titus about the man as he did about the message.
- The man and the message are intertwined.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Point A Leader's Responsibilities (1 Samuel 22:3-4)

- David had two all-important responsibilities.
  - o \* David had the responsibility of leading and protecting these 400 men that he is now captain over.
  - o David had the responsibility of leading and protecting his family
  - o This principle is seen in the New Testament. The leader in the Church must take on this same responsibility. Note **1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.**
- Here's an interesting decision that David makes. He takes his father and mother to the city of Moab.
- Could it be that took his father and mother to Moab because David's great-grandmother Ruth came Moab?

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Point Heeding A Warning From God (1 Samuel 22:5)

- Here in this verse we see one of David's great qualities as a leader .
- God's prophet Gad warned David that the wilderness place where he was wasn't safe.
- The Bible is filled with examples of leaders heeding the warning of God and leaders who ignored the warning of God.
- The Lord Jesus warned Peter in **Luke 22:31-32**. The Lord warned Peter about what Satan's plan was and the Lord prayed for Peter.
- Later in Peter's life he warned the saints. **1 Peter 5:8**

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Point                      **King Saul's Lowest Point** (1 Samuel 22:17-19)

- Here in these verses we see that King Saul has reached his lowest point in his life.
- He ordered the entire community of priests and their families to be killed.
- So vile was this order that no one was willing to carry out except this man named Doeg.
- Remember what Peter said in 1 Peter 5:8; the devil is seeking whom he may devour.
- The Devil found some he could use.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Point                      **Still Fighting For His People** (1 Samuel 23:18)

- The action of David in this chapter teaches us that danger does not stop and should not stop the saint who is trusting the Lord.
- Let's look at what's happening in this chapter.
  - o \* David, though he is in flight from King Saul, he decides to fight on behalf of his beleaguered people against their enemy, the Philistines.
  - o What David does first is consult the LORD (1 Samuel 23:2)...**David inquired of the LORD...**
  - o ***It is always the first step before we say or do anything.***
  - o Secondly, note that God gave an answer to David's request.
  - o Saints, God still answer's the prayers of HIS people (Jeremiah 33:3)
  - o In 1 Samuel 23:5 we see that David defeats the Philistines.
  - o God still gives victory to those "***who trust and obey HIM***"
  - o The saddest part of this story is that the people who David rescued from the enemy repaid him by betraying him.
  - o God's answer will always be the truth (1 Samuel 23:10-12)
  - o We may not like God's answer; the answer may not be what we wanna hear, but ***it will be what we need to hear, the truth.***