

David the Deliverer—Rescue of God’s People – 1 Samuel 23

1. The thief comes to steal. Vs 1

- Notice the picture: When God’s people _____, the enemy works to ensure their _____. **John 10:10**
- Keilah’s _____ was Saul’s job. **1 Samuel 8:19-20** Saul was spending up all the time and resources _____. Instead of protecting, Saul just destroyed an entire city of his own people (22:18-19)

2. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world. Vs 2-5

- Vs 3 They were afraid of the _____ danger: caught between the armies of the Philistines and Saul.
- Vs 4-5: Once we’ve heard from the Lord, that should _____ it.
Genesis 41:32 – Pharaoh’s dream was messaged twice.
Judges 6 – Gideon laid a fleece before the Lord twice.
2 Corinthians 12:8 – Paul prayed for deliverance from his thorn in the flesh 3 times.
- David’s courage, submission to and faith in God saved Keilah! **2 Timothy 1:7; Isaiah 41:10**
- What goes around, comes around. The Philistines were defeated. Militarily and financially.

3. Escape to the wilderness. Vs 6-29

- Vs 6: We know where 22:20 took place.
Now David has the prophet Gad and a priest of God, Abiathar. **Proverbs 11:14**
- Vs 7-8: Saul is warped. God isn’t in what he’s doing or wanting = murdering David. **Isaiah 5:20**
- Picture: Death burial and resurrection!
- Vs 9: Note! David has now an access to God’s _____ will that Saul does not. Abiathar brought the Ephod when he escaped from the slaughter of Nob.
- Vs 10-13: Trouble? Stop and seek the Lord. The answer from God?
 1. He will come down
 2. They will deliver you up (1Sam 23:12)Both predictions were based on David’s _____ in Keilah. God did not lie. There’s always a way of escape!
Notice: God’s deliverance comes thru _____! **Matthew 7:7; Philippians 4:6-7**
- Leaders: from time to time, the people you _____ for will _____ on you. Still, they are not your enemy. Jesus’ disciples fled and forsook Him. Peter denied Jesus 3 times. Judas sold Jesus out! **Psalms 41:9**
- Vs 14-18: **God made sure that David’s trial came with _____.**
Encourage your friends! **John 13:14; Galatians 6:10**
- Jonathan’s encouragement for us today? THE KING WILL _____ and we will be “next unto” Him.
Revelation 22:5; Romans 8:16-18
- Interesting: Saul could not find David, but Jonathan could find David directly and easily! Why? **Psalms 37:23**
- **Psalms 54:1-7** Was written from Ziph.
- Vs 25-29 Saul was not _____ David’s enemy, he was God’s enemy.
- In the attack, God made a way of _____.
1 Corinthians 10:13; Exodus 14:14; Zechariah 2:4-5; Hebrews 13:5-6; Psalm 28:7 T
- **David was in a world of hurt. How did God strengthen him?**
Answered prayer. (Vs 2, 4, 11-12) So pray.
God gave brethren to encourage him. (Abiathar, Jonathan, those who warned him.) So plug in.
God moved for David’s sake. So get full of faith.