

22. David In Exile

Quote: "This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

Psalm 34:6-7

Chapter Breakdown

Mark in the first half of the chapter breakdown of 1 Samuel 21-31 (separate sheet). The second half is part of the homework for Lesson 23.

Mark and Colouring the Key Ideas:

Highlight Saul's selfishness in 1 Samuel 22

1 Samuel 22:7-8 - An appeal to self interest.

Use **RED** to colour the following phrases:

v8 - "against me", "sheweth me", "sorry for me", "sheweth unto me", "my son", "my servant against me"

v13 - "against me", "against me"

v17 - "did not shew it to me"

Highlight in **BLUE** how David regularly turned to Yahweh (1 Samuel 23):

v2 - "David enquired of Yahweh", v4 - "David enquired of Yahweh yet again", v9 -

"Bring hither the ephod", v10 -

"Then David said", v12 - "Then said David"

Use **YELLOW** to colour in the occurrences of David speaking with respect of Saul in 1 Samuel 24 and 26:

1 Samuel 24:6 "the LORD's anointed", "anointed of Yahweh", v8 "My lord the king", v10 "my lord", "the LORD's anointed", v11 "my father", v14 "the king of Israel".

1 Samuel 26:9 "the LORD's anointed", v11 "the LORD's anointed", v15 "thy lord the king", "the king thy lord", v16 "your master the LORD's anointed", "the king's", v17 "my lord O king", v18 "my lord", v19 "my lord the king", v20 "the king of Israel", v22 "the king's", v23 "the LORD's anointed".

Respect (Mark in 1 Samuel 24)

David understood and respected the requirement of the Law in Exodus 22:28 ("Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.") as is shown by his attitude and manner of speaking to Saul particularly in 1 Samuel 24 and 26. This respect was evident when David spoke to Saul himself (1 Sam 24:8), and even when he spoke to those who were enemies to Saul (1 Sam 24:6). Rulers occupied divinely appointed positions, as did those chosen to positions of authority in apostolic days (1 Tim 5:17; Heb 13:7,17,24). Even evil rulers such as Saul, and the godless high priest in the days of Paul (Acts 23:5) were to be respected. This principle applies to us today in the ecclesia and in our dealings with those of the world around us. See also Paul's example in Acts 26 when brought before Gentile rulers (King Agrippa and Festus).