

The Life of David – Lesson 6

David the Hunted

19. Rescue of Keilah

I Samuel 23:1-13, 1064 B.C., Age 20

- David is then hiding in the Forest of Hareth (I Samuel 22:5)
- Keilah (“citadel”) was a fortified city of Judah near the border with Philistia.
- David has remained in hiding so far but reveals himself when attacking.
- vs. 12 – How’s that for gratitude?

20. Hiding at Ziph

I Samuel 23:14-15, 1064 B.C., Age 20

- Ziph is a region of rugged hills west of the Dead Sea.
- vs. 14 – There must be many exciting stories of close calls not recorded here.

♪ **Psalm 13**

- Spurgeon call this the “How Long Psalm”

♪ **Psalm 63**

- vs. 11 – “king” – Is David referring to himself or Saul?

21. Final Meeting with Jonathan

I Samuel 23:16-18, 1064 B.C., Age 21

- vs. 18 – almost certainly a renewal of the pact made in I Samuel 18:3, 20:12-17, 20:42.
- This is the last time these two will meet on earth.

22. Betrayal at Ziph

I Samuel 23:19-24, 1063 B.C., Age 21

- vs. 19 – Hachilah (“hill”) and Jeshimon (“waste”) – the desolate hills between Ziph and the Dead Sea.
- vs. 24 – Maon was south of Ziph.

♪ **Psalm 54**

- *neginoth* – stringed instruments. Also in Psalm 4, 6, 55, 67, 76.

23. Close Call at Maon

I Samuel 23:25-28, 1063 B.C., Age 21

- Selahammahlekoth – “rock of divisions”.
 - “David and his men, very probably, gave it this name, not only because it divided between Saul and his men, and David and his men, when they were one on one side of it, and the other on the other side of it; but because Saul was, by the providence of God, divided and separated from David here, whereby he escaped falling into his hands.” – John Gill

♪ Psalm 17

- “We have in the present plaintive song, AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN from the persecutions of earth.” - Spurgeon

♪ Psalm 16

- vs. 10 – Peter (Acts 2:29-31) and Paul (Acts 13:35-38) refer to this as a prophecy of Christ’s resurrection.

24. Hiding at Engedi

I Samuel 23:29, 1063 B.C., Age 21

- Engedi – “spring of the kid”, an oasis in the hills southwest of the Dead Sea

25. David Spares Saul

I Samuel 24:1-22, 1062 B.C., Age 23

- Saul returns with 3,000 men (compared to David’s 600) to end David.
- vs. 3 – “Saul went in to cover his feet” – unclear Hebrew idiom, possibly meaning use the restroom, take a nap, or maybe both?
- vs. 16-21 – Saul is moved by David’s mercy toward him and has a moment of clarity. It won’t last long.
- vs. 22 – Note that David and his men were smart enough not to go with Saul.

♪ Psalm 86

- “The key note of this Psalm is Jehovah's name.” - Andrew A. Bonar.

♪ Psalm 7

- *Shiggaion* – “wandering, rambling” (?), only other use in Habakkuk 3:1.
- Cush the Benjamite – who this is and what he said are unknown.

♪ Psalm 35

- An imprecatory psalm, calling down vengeance and calamity on enemies.

♪ Psalm 141

- vs. 6 – Some see this as a direct reference to this event.

♪ Psalm 143

- vs. 2 – Quoted in Romans 3:20