

1 So David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's household heard of it, they went down there to him. 2 And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented, gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him.

King in a cave hiding out from current king whose influenced by evil spirits. David holds court, met w/ family, gathered his mighty men, in lowly cave. Not a place of pride, can't get puffed up, but preparation for palace—band of brothers 400, distress, debt, discontented because of Saul's leadership. Grew to 600 (23:13; 25:13; 27:2; 30:9)—*Heb 11:38...men being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.* Of these times David writes Ps 142, 57 from the cave. David a type of Jesus *Jn 6:37 "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.* And to reign w/ David or Jesus we must suffer w/ him...no cave, no cross no crown. Even 3 brothers in Saul's army deserted to join David

3 And David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother come and stay with you until I know what God will do for me." 4 Then he left them with the king of Moab; and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold. 5 And the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, and go into the land of Judah." So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.

David provides for his parents while on the run, honors them by finding a safe place to live, anticipating Saul retaliate against them. David's great grandmother Ruth was a Moabite & possibly had influence on King of Moab

David is not a name it claim it guy 'until I know what God will do...' 'do not stay in stronghold; depart and go...' Faith seeks God's will than acts upon it. He casts himself upon providence of God to see what the Lord will do.

Gad the prophet speaks & directs David in what to do...instead of hiding out in the cave go to Judah...step at a time...next step rescue people of Keilah who afterwards show not appreciation to David...it is what the world does. Jesus ate w/ publicans and sinners, rebukes religious pride. After two years most all friends are Christian. We need to be around sinners, keeps us from being like Pharisees and phonies. God wants us a sanctified version of the sinners we are

6 Then Saul heard that David and the men who were with him had been discovered. Now Saul was sitting in Gibeah, under the tamarisk tree on the height with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing around him. 7 And Saul said to his servants who stood around him, "Hear now, O Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse also give to all of you fields and vineyards? Will he make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds? 8 "For all of you have conspired against me so that there is no one who discloses to me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you who is sorry for me or discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me to lie in ambush, as it is this day." 9 Then Doeg the Edomite, who was standing by the servants of Saul, answered and said, "I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. 10 "And he inquired of the LORD for him, gave him provisions, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

Saul goes from bad to worse-paranoia can't be contained. When a person leaves Lord they don't stay the same or neutral. Demonic forces, besetting sins of the old life grab hold of them. Spear in hand (thrown at David & Jon) to threaten those around him. Unstable beings pouting & imagines his soldiers are holding out on him. Paranoia controls, schizophrenics imagine those around them as enemies because they don't think or say what the paranoid person thinks they should say or do. Now uses bribery to gain loyalty...seeks to gain their sympathy...poor me syndrome

Saul projects on David the things he's guilty of..Saul *'lies in wait to kill'*

Doeg uses opportunity to advance himself..tells half truths to incite Saul.

What really happened was Ahimelech asked David why he was here?

David lied that he was on a mission for Saul.

11 Then the king sent someone to summon Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's household, the priests who were in Nob; and all of them came to the king. 12 And Saul said, "Listen now, son of Ahitub." And he answered, "Here I am, my lord." 13 Saul then said to him, "Why have you and the son of Jesse conspired against me, in that you have given him bread and a sword and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise up against me by lying in ambush as it is this day?" 14 Then Ahimelech answered the king and said, "And who among all your servants is as faithful as David, even the king's son-in-law, who is captain over your guard, and is honored in your house? 15 "Did I just begin to inquire of God for him today? Far be it from me! Do not let the king impute anything to his servant or to any of the household of my father, for your servant knows nothing at all of this whole affair." 16 But the king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father's household!" 17 And the king said to the guards who were attending him, "Turn around and put the priests of the LORD to death, because their hand also is with David and because they knew that he was fleeing and did not reveal it to me." But the servants of the king were not willing to put forth their hands to attack the priests of the LORD. 18 Then the king said to Doeg, "You turn around and attack the priests." And Doeg the Edomite turned around and attacked the priests, and he killed that day eighty-five men who wore the linen ephod. 19 And he struck Nob the city of the priests with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and infants; also oxen, donkeys, and sheep, he struck with the edge of the sword.

Saul in jealous rage sends for Ahimelech... 'who can stand before jealousy'
'for jealousy enrages a man and he will not spare in the day of vengeance' Pr 6:34

Saul is told half truths from Doeg and believes him—if predisposed to believe a lie nothing can change your mind. ***'partial truth is a lie dressed up as fact'*** When Saul heard ***'inquired of Lord'*** it set him off at that point he made up his mind what to do & set for Ahimelech & priests.

Ahimelech answers truthfully & innocently but it's not what Saul wanted to hear & he already made up in his mind, what to believe. Saul abandoned the God of truth & now believing a disciple of the father of lies-Satan.

Saul is bent on revenge—nothing will appease him all must die *Pr 19:3 The foolishness of man subverts his way, And his heart rages against the LORD. 6:34,35 For jealousy enrages a man, And he will not spare in the day of vengeance. 35 He will not accept any ransom, Nor will he be content though you give many gifts.*

Saul one track mind, rid his kingdom of David by whatever means--now imagining priests colluding w/ David against him. Killing priests pacify his fury against David & fact God rejected him & chose one better, by killing all the Priests because he at this point is unable to kill David. Saul projects on David his own evil heart... *'to lie in ambush':8*

Those who are power hungry will do anything to stay in power even kill
 –Our Election this year will be the difference between our country continuing to go down the drain into Socialism & Marxism or making America great again as the Constitution Republic founding fathers created it to be. Soldiers feared God, refused to murder priest while risking own lives w/ a paranoid king. Doeg ambitious for recognition & favor from a depraved king, carries out the carnage, killing 85 priests. *W/o God a person's heart is put on display 'Deceitful & desperately wicked who can know it' Jer 17:9*

Doeg willing to kill 85 priests for recognition, ages 20-50 years old, who were put to death in their linen ephod:19 Blood lust was not enough for Saul & he and the rest went to Nob & senselessly murdered the families of those in this town of the priests. Man of God told woke Eli what was about to come—Ruin **2:31-33**.

20 But one son of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after David. 21 And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the priests of the LORD. 22 Then David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have brought about the death

of every person in your father's household. 23 "Stay with me, do not be afraid, for he who seeks my life seeks your life; for you are safe with me."

David greatly grieved and blames himself. Great leadership takes responsibility, doesn't play blame game—Good leaders assess the situation, probe their own heart to see what they did or could have done differently and makes amends not excuses. Politicians will do anything to stay in power--Statesmen will do what is right no matter what the cost.

Abiather escapes to David & is protected *Ps 91:1,2 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!"*

Ps 52 came out of this experience.