



Doubting David

29th in the “God’s King” Series

1 Samuel 27:1-28:2

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Introduction

In this passage, God displays the downfall of the person who doubts the proven promises of God.

The Text: 1 Samuel 27:1-28:2

What happens when David stops trusting in the promises of God?

- 1) David allows fear and self-protection to dominate the way he thinks about his situation (v. 1).
- 2) David associates with people and systems that do not honor or reflect God’s will and ways (vv. 2-4).
- 3) David negotiates a place for himself by capitulating to worldly power and protection (vv. 5-7).
- 4) David covers his lies and deceit by slaughtering all possible witnesses (vv. 8-11).
- 5) David enters a world in which everyone becomes a pawn of abuse and evil (vv. 12, 1-2).

Psalm 62:1-2: ¹ Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. ² Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Some pastoral exhortations:

- Do not let your thinking lead you down the path of doubting God – he has not and cannot fail you.
- Learn from David’s mistakes that fear and self-protection will end in destruction.
- Pray Psalm 62: Direct your soul to find rest in God.

Response

Help us, Father, to entrust our souls to you, to allow you to be our rock and our fortress.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.

- 1) After a heroic example of obedience to God in 1 Samuel 26, David falters big time in 1 Samuel 27 as he begins to doubt God and pursues his own plan for self-protection. Why can Christians have moments where they fully entrust themselves to God and others where they let doubt, fear, and self-protection dominate them?
- 2) Once David begins telling lies and acting deceptively, he cannot stop – and worse, he is forced to kill to cover his story. How does sin give birth to sin in the life of a Christian? How have you seen this happen in your life or in the lives of others?
- 3) Every time the text mentions David’s “thoughts” (vv. 1, 11) it is when David is acting out of fear and self-protection. How can our “thoughts” lead us down a path that doubts the promises of God?
- 4) The apostle Paul urges Christians to take captive every thought. What insights does 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 give us for guarding our wayward thoughts that doubt God?

2 Corinthians 10:3-5: ³ *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.* ⁴ *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.* ⁵ *We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

- 5) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week’s text: Proverbs 3:5-8 (Mon); Matthew 14:22-33 (Tues); Matthew 21:18-22 (Wed); Hebrews 11:1-2 (Thurs); James 1:2-8 (Fri).