

1 Samuel 23

Conspiracy Against David

1. Context

- a. Like Christ (Anointed), David is captain of the distressed, indebted, and discontent.
 - i. David was hiding in a cave and left the land, but God sent him back - 22:5
 - ii. He is in the wilderness of Judah w/followers, staying away from Saul.
 - iii. Prophecies are being fulfilled, just as in the ministry of Jesus on earth.
 - iv. David will save, then betrayed by Israel, but God delivers him.

2. Psalms and 1 Samuel 23

- a. Why didn't David run away? Why didn't he complain? Why didn't he prove God?
 - i. David in the wilderness like Christ (Matt 4) and Israel (Heb 3:7-11/Psa 95)
 - ii. *"Ye shall not tempt the LORD"* - Deu 6:16, *"Give us water!"* Exo 17:1-7
- b. Psa 63 - David thirsts after God, though his flesh thirsts after water - v3, 5, 11
- c. David was tempted with hunger/thirst, and now with tempting God's anointing.

3. 23:1-12 - David and Keilah

- a. *"David inquired of the LORD"* - instead of charging in like Saul, he asks the LORD.
- b. 2 - God: *"save Keilah"* - Keilah in Israel, near where David defeated Goliath.
- c. 3-4 - David consults the LORD in all he does, not tempting the LORD.
- d. 6 - The text need not be changed. God spoke to David other ways - Acts 1:16, 28:6
- e. 7 - *"God hath delivered him into mine hand"* ← Danger of 'seeing God' in circumstance
 - i. This happens by selfishly reading what you want into events around you.
- f. 9 - *"Bring hither the ephod"* - Exo 28:6, 29-30, golden, blue, purple, scarlet garment containing the stones of Israel, the "breastplate of judgment" (Urim & Thummim)
- g. 12 - *"They will deliver thee up"* - Those he went to save give him up - Mk 10:33, Jn 10:29

4. 23:13-18 - Jonathan Strengthens David

- a. 14 - The enemy pursues David, but *"God delivered him not"* (Saul was wrong)
- b. 16-17 - Jonathan strengthened David by reminding him of God's promise.
- c. 18 - The last time we read about Jonathan (though his family continues)
- d. Jonathan's hope goes beyond his own life since he dies before this happens.

5. 23:19-26 - A Conspiracy of Strangers

- a. David inspired to write Psa 54 about being betrayed by Godless men.
- b. 20 - *"our part shall be to deliver him"* - Without God, they can't.
- c. 21 - *"Blessed be ye ..."* - Saul wickedly blesses their betrayal for his own ends.
- d. David would later write Psa 109 about the curse on friends who betrayed him.
- e. 22-23 - *"see his... haunt"* - Go spy the place he frequently visits (reconnaissance)
- f. 24-26 - David flees to a mountain in Maon but is surrounded by Saul.
- g. Psa 22 would be written by David about a time being surrounded by the enemy.

6. 23:27-29 – David is Delivered

- a. 27 - "*But...*" – Why did the Philistines invade? God knew in v.4-5
- b. 28-29 - Saul went against the Philistines (West) David went to rest in En-gedi (East)
- c. David would later write Psa 23-24 perhaps among the sheep of 1 Sam 24:2-3
- d. David's experiences are prophetic shadows of betrayal, death, resurrection of Jesus.