

I SAMUEL: LESSON 6

VI. DAVID'S FLIGHT FROM SAUL (19:18-26:25).

- A. David flees to Samuel at Ramah (19:18-24).
 - 1. David tells Samuel what Saul did - they go to Naioth (v.18)
 - 2. Three times Saul's messengers cannot take David - they prophesy instead (v.19-22).
 - 3. Saul comes to take David himself - he prophesies before Samuel instead.

- B. David speaks with Jonathan (20:1-42).
 - 1. David wonders of what sin he has done to deserve death (v.1). 2. Jonathan claims that Saul's plan to kill David will not be hid from him (v.2-4).
 - 3. Jonathan and David renew covenant over plan to uncover Saul's true intent (v.5-23).
 - a. David plans to be absent from feast of new moon.
 - (1). David hides in field by stone of Ezel.
 - (2). If David's absence sets well with Saul - Jonathan will yell to young lad that the arrows are on this side of mark.
 - (3). If Saul desires evil for David - Jonathan will yell to young lad that arrows are beyond him.
 - b. Jonathan and David renew covenant of kindness - extends unto descendants.
 - 4. Saul manifests his anger for David's absence and Jonathan's choosing of David (v.24-34).
 - 5. Jonathan shoots arrow beyond lad - has emotional farewell with David (v.35-42).

- C. David flees to Nob and is helped by Ahimelech the priest (21:1-9).
 - 1. David and young men with him receive showbread to eat (v.1-6).
 - 2. David receives sword of Goliath (v.7-9).

- D. David flees to Achish, king of Gath (21:10-15).
 - 1. David acts as if he is a mad man to hide his true identity from Achish.

- E. David flees to Cave of Adullam (22:1-2).
 - 1. David becomes captain over other distressed souls - with about four hundred men.

- F. David flees to Mizpeh of Moab (22:3-4).
1. David seeks safe place for his father and mother.
- G. David flees to forest of Hereth in Judah (22:5).
1. David acts upon instructions of the prophet of Gad.
- H. Saul in anger has Ahimelech, other priests, and inhabitants of Nob put to death (22:6-23).
1. Doeg, the Edomite tells Saul of Ahimelech helping David. 2. Eighty-five who wore the ephod slain. 3. Abiathar escapes and flees for David.
- I. David saves the city of Keilah from the Philistines (23:1-13). 1. David has to flee being warned of God of treachery of the inhabitants.
- J. David flees to strongholds in wilderness of Ziph - south of Hebron (23:14-23).
1. Jonathan strengthens David - renew covenant.
2. Inhabitants tell Saul of David's whereabouts and their willingness to help in delivering David to Saul.
- K. David flees to wilderness of Maon - about six miles south of wilderness of Ziph (23:24-28).
1. Saul encompasses David and his six hundred men.
2. Saul stops pursuing David because of word of Philistine raid.
- L. David flees to the strongholds of En-gedi - shore of Dead Sea (23:29-24:22).
1. David spares Saul's life.
2. Saul acknowledges David's goodness and his future Kingdom.
- M. Samuel dies and David flees to wilderness of Paran - David's encounter with Nabal in Carmel (25:1-44).
1. Nabal's wife keeps David from executing vengeance upon foolish Nabal - God brings death upon Nabal.
2. Abigail becomes one of David's wives.
- N. Saul on information of inhabitants of Ziph again seeks to put David to death (26:1-25).
1. David spares Saul's life for the second time. 2. Saul confesses his sin and foolishness.

QUESTIONS:

1. IDENTIFY:

- a. Doeg
- b. Achish
- c. Abiathar
- d. Abigail
- e. Abishai
- f. Stone of Ezel
- g. Palti
- h. Naioth

2. What event allowed David an opportunity to flee when Saul came to Ramah?

3. What did David perceive in his own life and death situation?

4. Why did David deliberately not attend the feast of the new moon with Saul?

5. The covenant between Jonathan and David extended to whom?

6. How did Jonathan know for sure that Saul was determined to kill David? 7.

How did Jonathan let David know of Saul's murderous intentions?

8. What indication do we have that David's departure from Jonathan was an emotional one?

9. What two things did Ahimelech the priest provide David at Nob?

10. For what third provision did Saul put Ahimelech to death?

11. What did David do to protect his true identity from Achish, king of Gath?

12. Describe the ones who met David at the cave of Adullam?

13. What means did David use to inquire of God as to his safety in Keilah?
14. How did Jonathan encourage David in the wilderness of Ziph?
15. Why did Saul not take David when he had him surrounded in the wilderness of Maon?
16. Why did David spare Saul's life in a cave in the wilderness of En-gedi?
17. Why was David more righteous than Saul?
18. Where was Samuel buried?
19. How did Nabal "live up" to his name?
20. How did Abigail manifest "good understanding" before David?
21. In the wilderness of Ziph, how did Saul know for sure that David had spared his life yet again?
22. How does David manifest himself as a man close to God before Saul in Ziph?
23. What did Saul confess in connection with his sin?