

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

GOD DELIVERS DAVID

I SAMUEL 23:1-29

JANUARY 14TH, 2024

Three Acts of Deliverance

- I. God delivers David from the Philistines: vs. 1-5
- II. God delivers David from Keilah: vs. 6-14
- III. God delivers David from Saul: vs. 15-29

Questions:

1. Point out all of the examples in which David sought the Lord throughout 1 Samuel 23. What tends to be your first reaction when faced with uncertainty, difficulty, or challenge? How can you make prayer more of a “knee-jerk” response in your life?
2. In vs. 4, we see God attach a promise with His command to David. Why is it so important to not isolate God’s commands from His promises? What is the danger if we do separate His promise from His commands?
3. In vs. 7, Saul mistakes David’s location (potentially trapped in a city) as God’s gift to capture David. Why should we not always assume that every opportunity is an open door from the Lord? Share some examples in your own life.
4. From chapter 18 until the rest of the book David and his men experience some form of suffering. The Christian life involves suffering and is not always “safe”. Discuss if you believe “safeism” (the belief that the highest pursuit is for me and my loved ones to be kept safe at all cost) is harmful to living faithfully as a Christian.
5. David’s best friend, Jonathan, shows up and strengthens David’s hand in God. He also tells David not to fear but to trust in God’s promise. As you think about your current life, why do you need to be reminded to live by faith and not by sight?
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