

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, reflecting the sky and surrounding greenery. The background is filled with a dense forest of tall, green trees under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

1st Samuel

Lesson 7

1 Samuel Chapters 19-21

David's Attempts to Evade Saul

Chapter 19-21 David's Attempt to Evade Saul

Chapter-Saul Rejects David

Vs. 1-10-Jonathan Protects David

- Saul ordered his servants to kill David. (1st Samuel 18:30, 19:1) []
- The Lord put a special delight into Jonathan's heart toward David (Psalm 90:17) [].

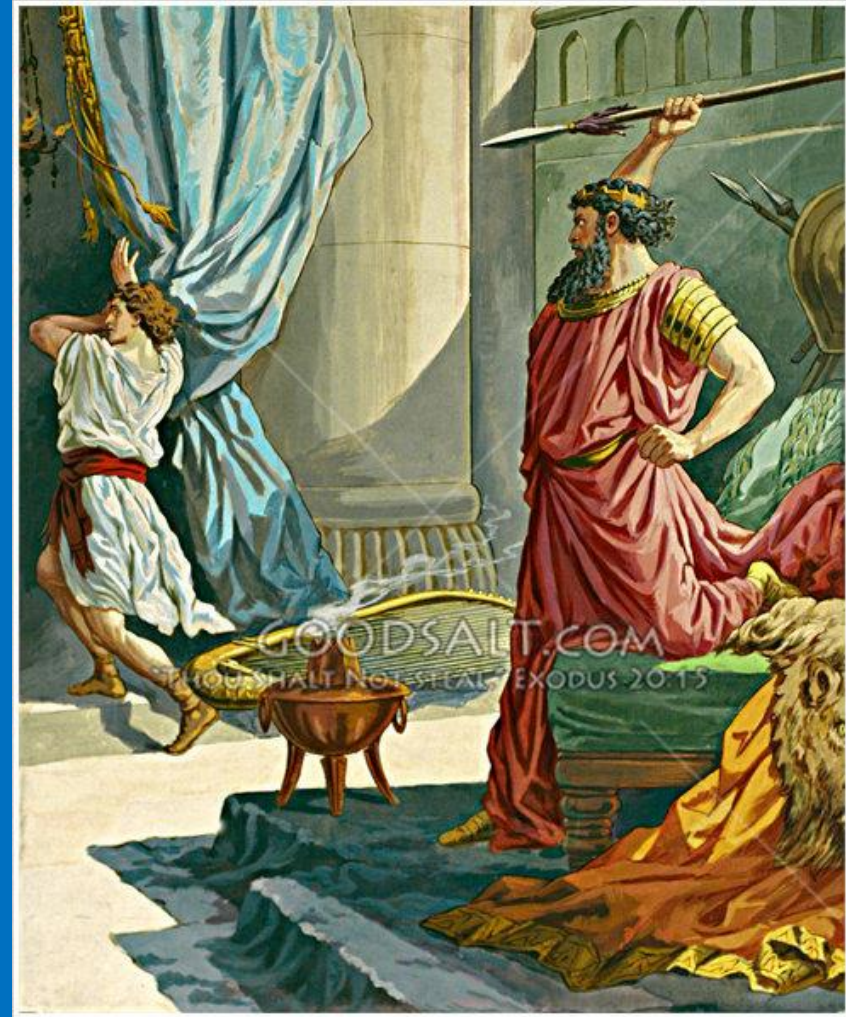


- Jonathan hid David and said he would speak to his father regarding David's life. (Proverbs 19:19) [].
- Jonathan explained to Saul how David helped the kingdom and how he had done **nothing** wrong. *[David's goodness resulted in his wrongness]*
- Saul listened to Jonathan's words and vowed not to kill David [Lie #1]. As a result, Saul restored David into his presence (Proverbs 26:11; 23:6-8). [].



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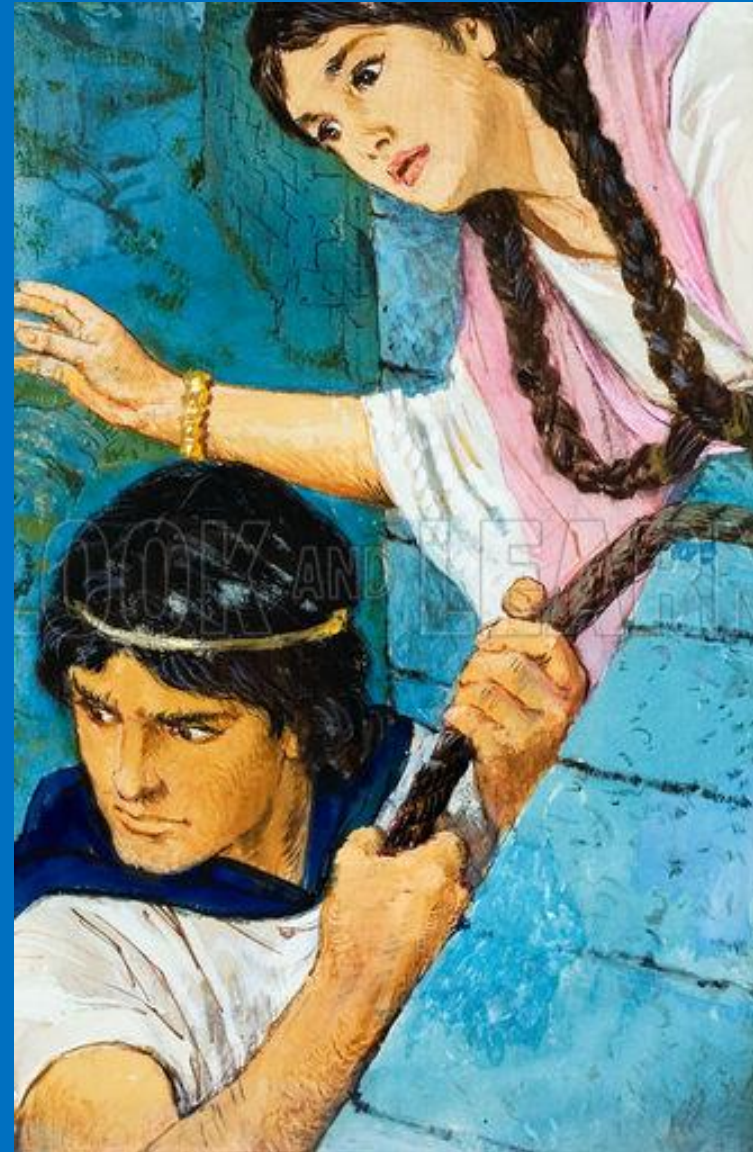
- David continued to prove himself **mighty** in war for the Lord helped him.
- One day as David played the harp, an evil spirit came upon Saul and Saul hurled his spear at David intending to kill him (1st Peter 5:8-10). []
- Fortunately, David escaped. (1st Corinthians 10:13) [].



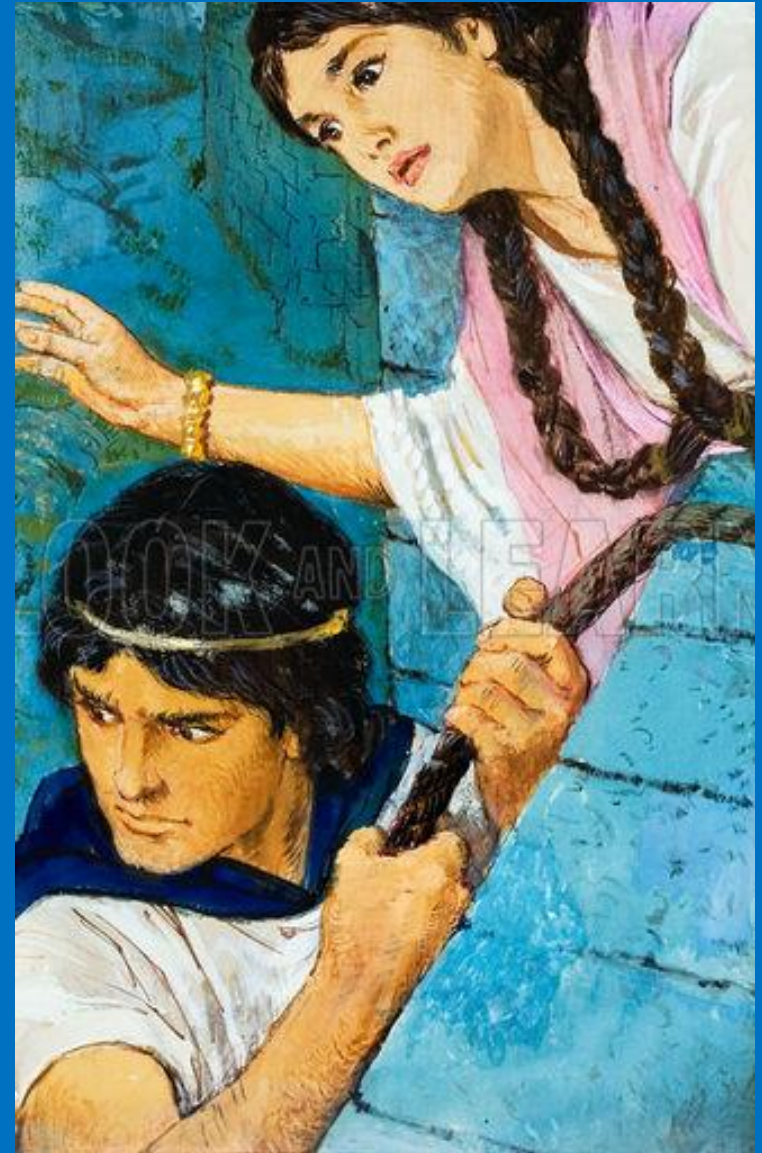
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Vs. 11-17-Mical Protects David

- Saul ordered messengers to watch David's house and to kill him in the morning. (Psalm 59:1-17) [] []
- Michal heard of the plot and let David down through the window.



- Michal took the household idol and disguised it as David asleep in bed [Lie #2].
- This plot among David, Michal, and Saul parallels the plot among Jacob, Rachel, and Laban in Genesis 31:30-35. []
[*When we try to coverup sin-it will always expose itself*]



- Possibly, this idol reflected a deity Michal worshiped. One might wonder about the pagan beliefs within Saul's family.
- Saul uncovered the plot and asked his daughter why she deceived him.
- She **lied** and said David had threatened her life if she did not help him escape. [**Lie #3**]



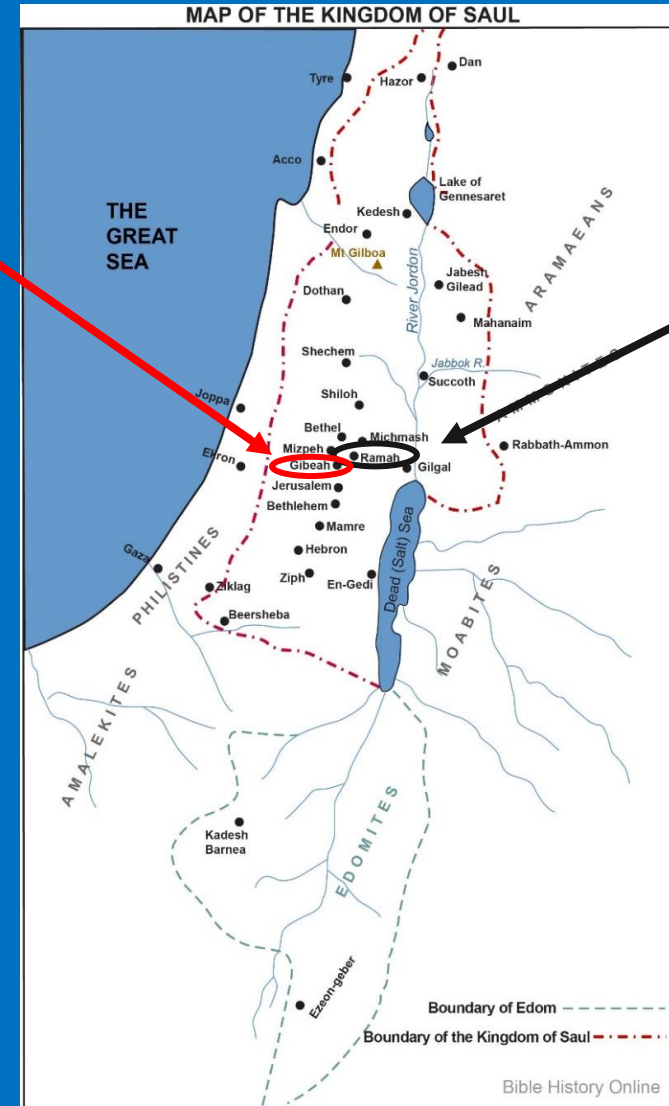
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Vs. 18-24-Samuel Protects David

- David fled from Saul and went to see Samuel at Ramah.

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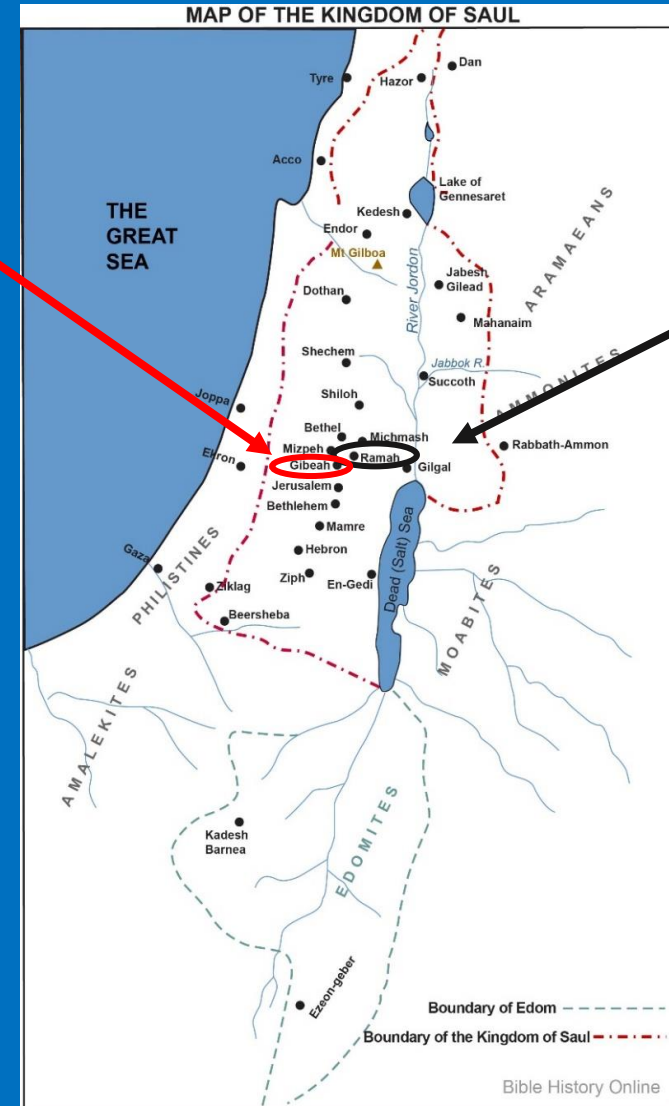
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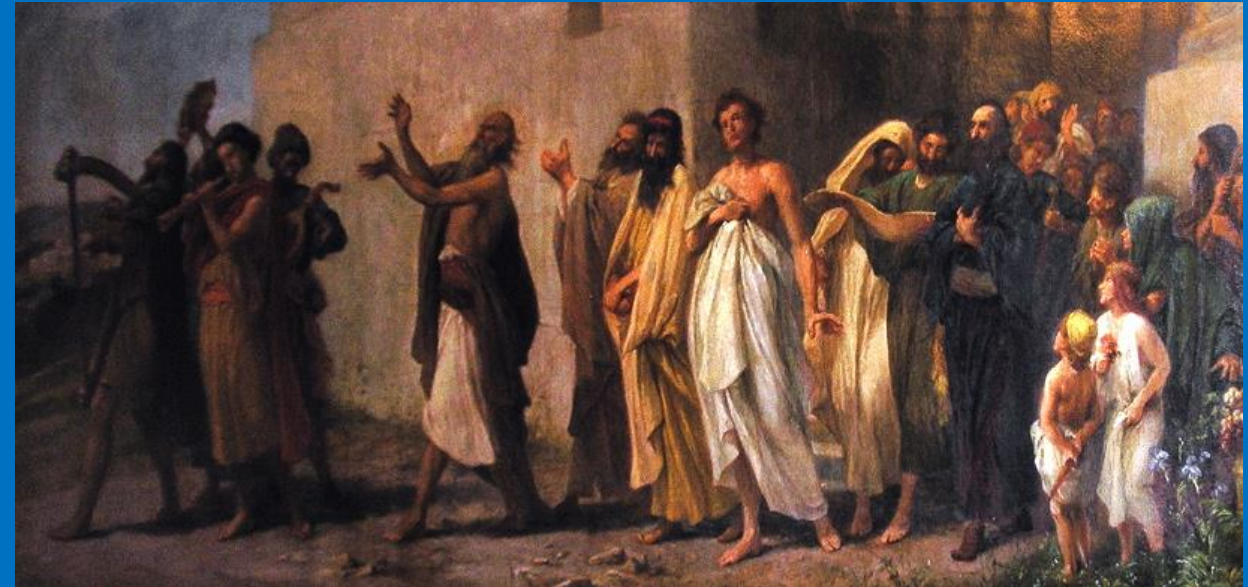
- Samuel took David to Naioth (*Ni'-oth*), apparently a section of the city. MacArthur states that Naioth could have housed the dwellings or quarters within the town where Samuel and his company of prophet-disciples met for training, prayer, and fellowship.

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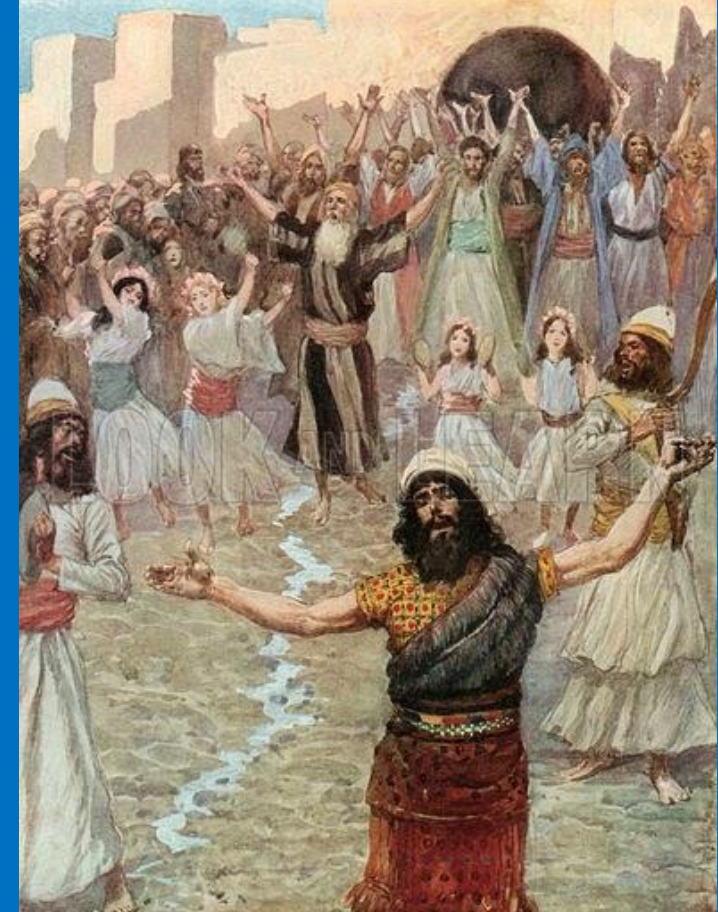


- Saul sent messengers to capture David. However, when the messengers arrived, the Spirit of the Lord came upon them, and they **prophesied**.
- This happened two more times until Saul personally went down to capture David.



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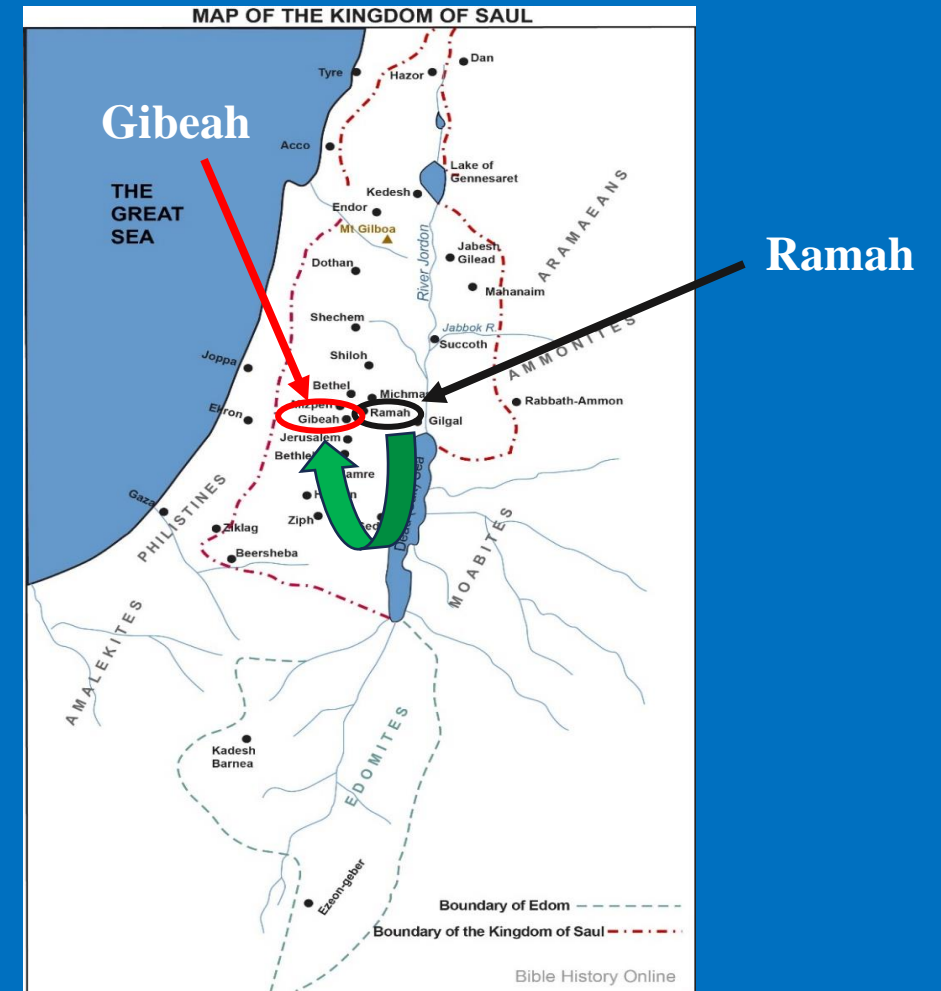
- When Saul approached Ramah, the Spirit of the Lord descended upon him, and Saul prophesied.
- Scripture states Saul stripped off his clothes, laid down, and prophesied all day and all night.
- Possibly, Saul only stripped off his armor and royal robes, thus signifying God's **rejection** of him as king over Israel (Romans 14:11). []



Chapter 20-Jonathan Protects David

Vs. 1-42-David Flees for His Life

- David fled from Naioth in Ramah and came to Jonathan asking why Saul tried to kill him.
- To Jonathan's surprise, he had not heard of the plot since Saul disclosed everything to him.
- Evidently Saul did not trust Jonathan (Matthew 15:13-14) []



- The next day, the first day of the month, a new moon celebration took place. This celebration included a sacrificial meal. (Numbers 28:11-15). []
- Since David knew Saul wanted to kill him, he decided not to attend (1st Samuel 15:22). []



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- David told Jonathan to tell Saul he had gone to attend a yearly gathering with his family. [Lie #4]
- If Saul approved of the idea, then David would feel safe.
- However, if Saul did not approve, then David would not feel safe.

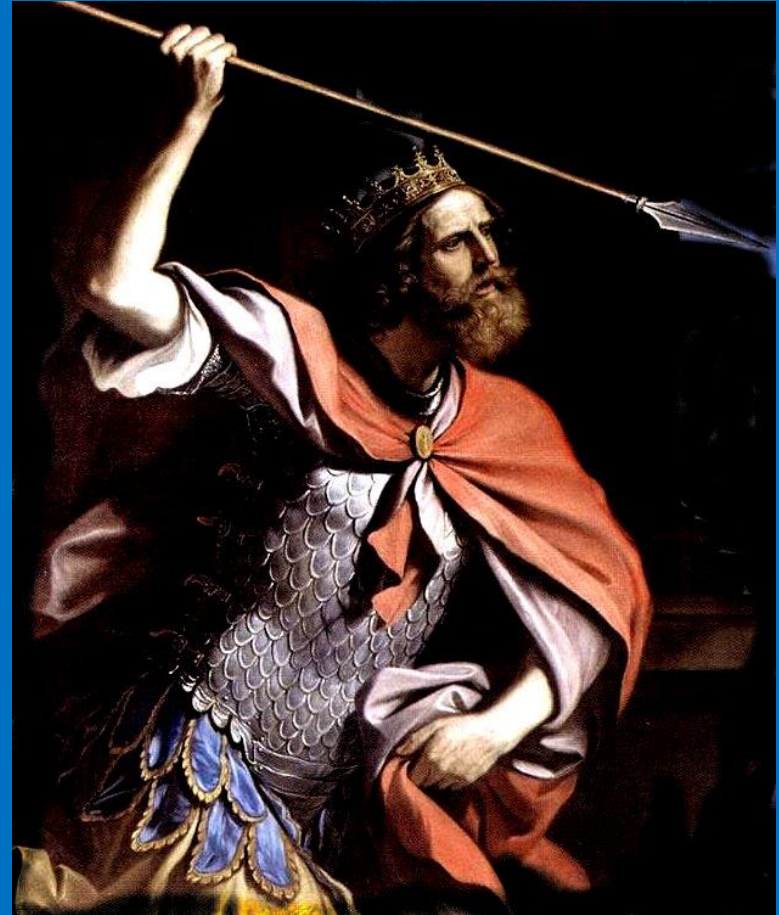


- On the first day of David's absence, Saul did not inquire about David's absence. Saul thought David had somehow **defiled** himself. (Defilement meant he probably broke a Jewish law).
- On the second day, Saul asked about David's absence. Jonathan told his father he went to a family gathering. [**Lie #5**]



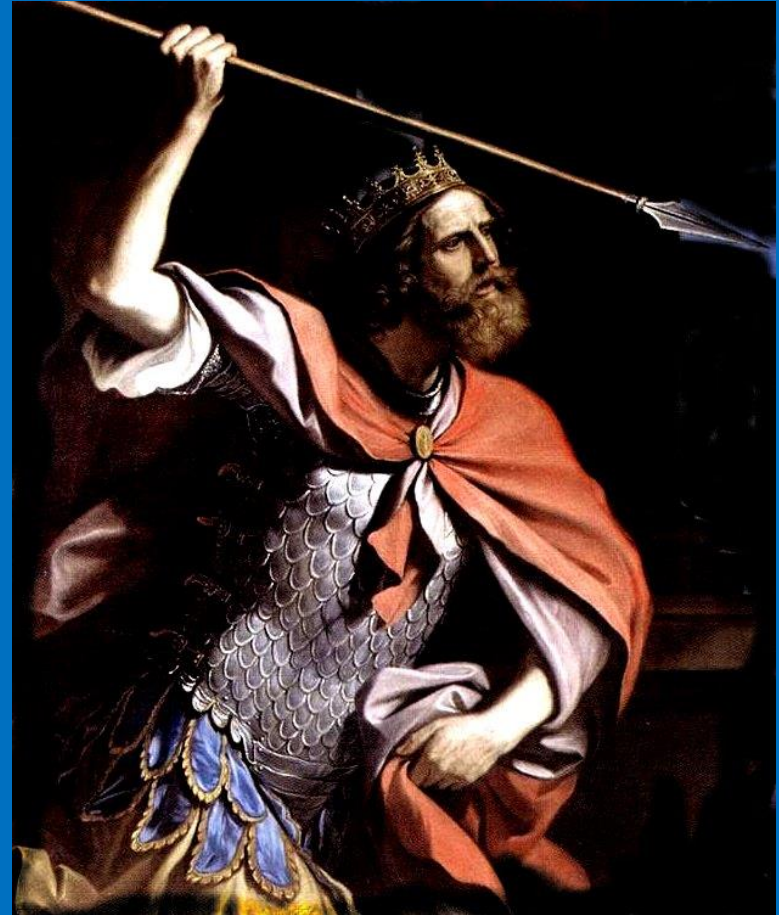
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- Saul displayed his anger believing Jonathan had provided David's protection.
- Saul's anger rose to the point he tried to kill Jonathan with his spear.
- When Jonathan told David about the incident, David realized he would have to flee for his life.



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- Before David's departure, both he and Jonathan made a pact to protect and preserve each other's lineage.
- Jonathan knew David would become king and he wanted David to protect his family.

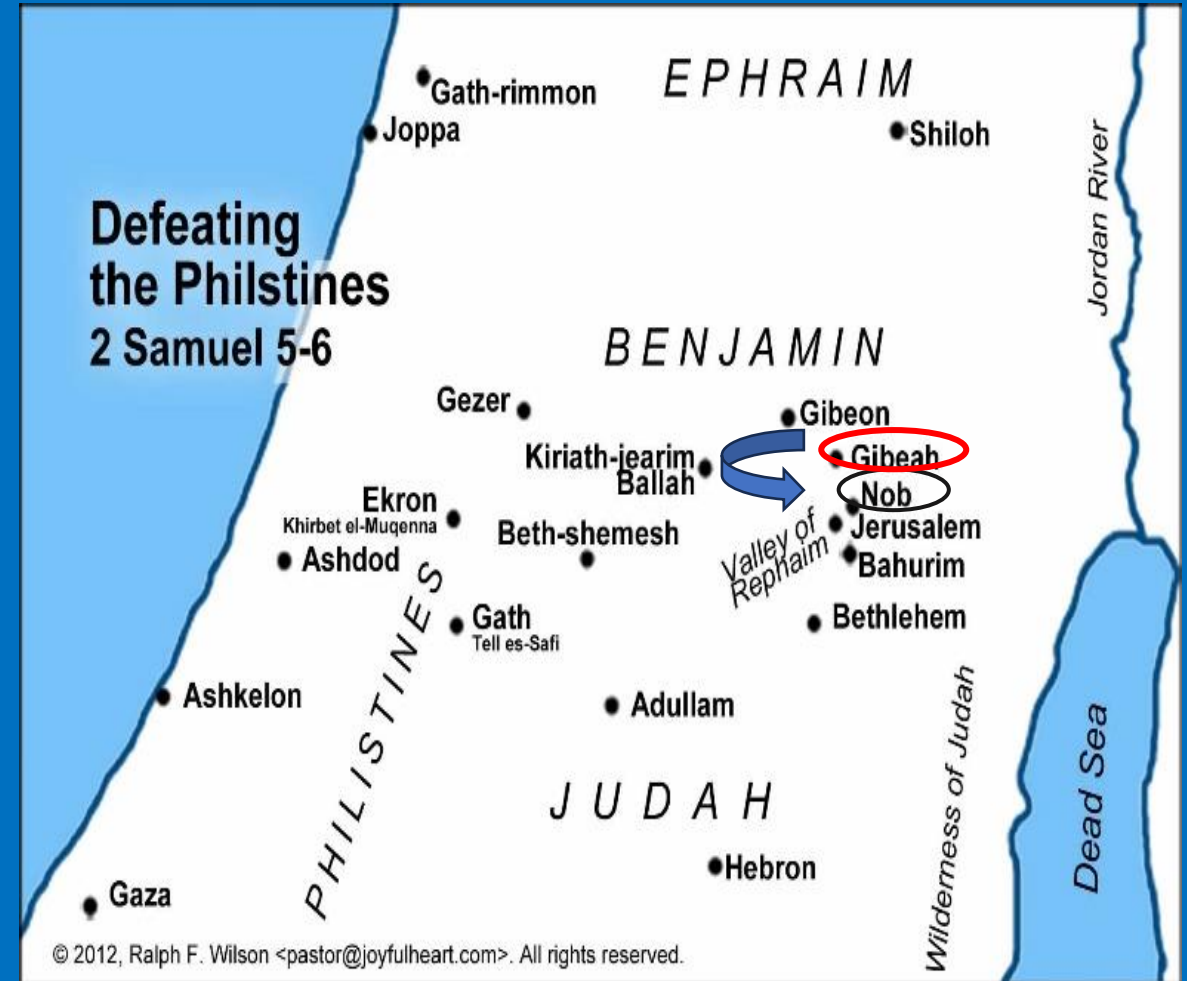


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Chapter 21-Ahimelech Protects David

Vs. 1-9-David Flees to Nob

- David went to Ahimelech-the priest at Nob.
- Ahimelech asked why David came alone. David lied and said his men remained in a discrete location while he carried out a secret mission. [Lie #6]
- David asked for bread.



- The priest only had consecrated bread reserved for the priests (Exodus 25:23-30). []
- Since Ahimelech believed David, he gave David the consecrated bread. (Mark 2:25-26) []



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- Jesus used this example in Matthew 12:4 to show the importance of having compassion and following God's Laws over sacrifice [].



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- As it happened, one of Saul's servants named **Doeg** heard the conversation.
- Doeg, an Edomite, served as Saul's chief shepherd (more to come about Doeg).



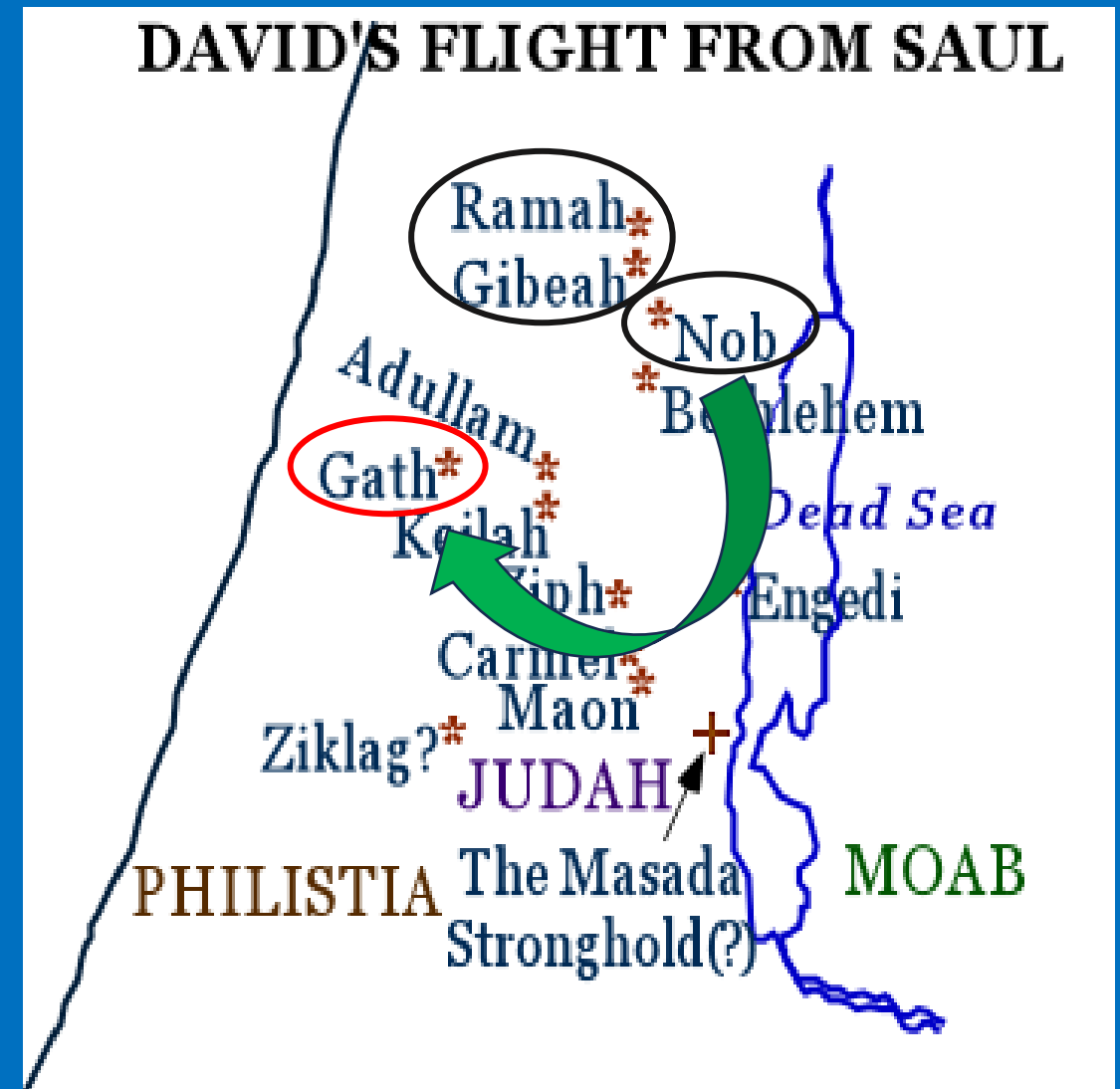
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- David asked Ahimelech for a weapon stating he had made this journey in haste and came unarmed. [Lie #7]-a little white lie.
- Ahimelech gave David Goliath's sword.

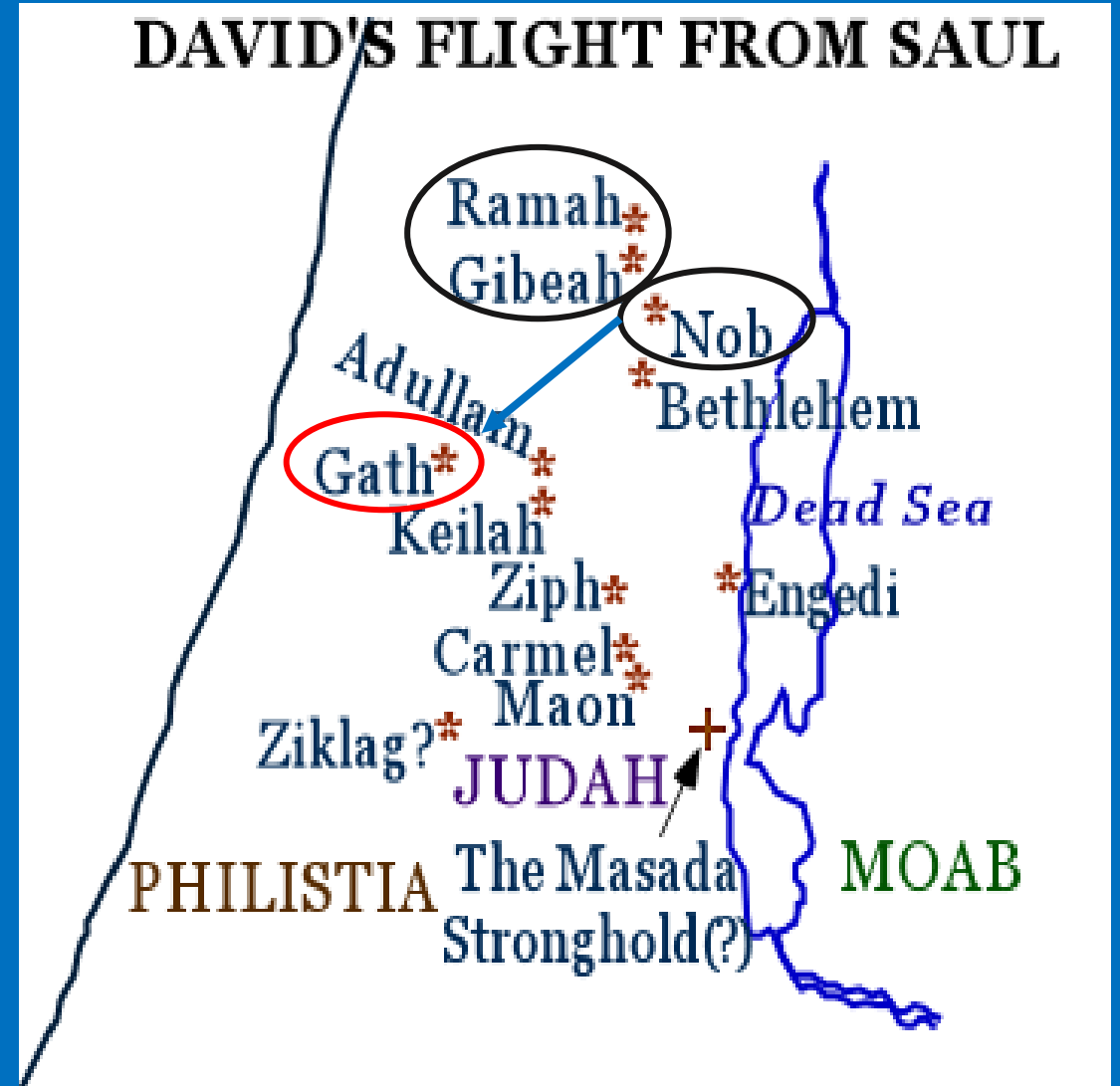


Vs. 10-15 Achish Protects David

- David fled from Nob and went to Achish- (A'-kish) king of **Gath**.
- Gath, located in Philistine territory, seemed a strange city for David to flee.
- Apparently, David came wearing Goliath's sword.



- Gath, the hometown of **Goliath**, laid southwest of Nob. (1 Samuel 17:4). []
- David feared for his life since the people recognized him.



- David feigned madness, scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let saliva run down his beard. [Lie #8]
- David would learn lies do more harm than good.



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- The people of Gath considered David crazy and let him leave.
- David eventually wrote Psalm 34 and 56 in commemoration of this event. []



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Summary

- Proverbs 11:3 states, “Honesty guides good people; dishonesty destroys treacherous people (NLT). John 8:32 states, “And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (NLT).
- Difficult circumstances can make it hard to tell the truth. Asking God for wisdom and trusting He will honor your words can turn awkward situations into a much better outcome.
- David possibly wrote Psalm 27 when fleeing from Saul.
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Psalm 90:17

17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;
And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the
work of our hands (a Prayer of Moses). []

Proverbs 19:19

19 A man of great anger will bear the penalty,

For if you rescue him, you will only have to do it again. []

Proverbs 26:11

11 Like a dog that returns to its vomit
Is a fool who repeats his folly.

Proverbs 23:6-8

6 Do not eat the bread of a selfish man, Or desire his
delicacies; 7 For as he thinks within himself, so he is. He
says to you, “Eat and drink!” But his heart is not with you. 8
You will vomit up the morsel you have eaten, And waste your
compliments.[]

1st Corinthians 10:13

13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. []

Genesis 31:30-35

30 Now you have indeed gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house; but why did you steal my gods?" 31 Then Jacob replied to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force. 32 The one with whom you find your gods shall not live; in the presence of our kinsmen point out what is yours among my belongings and take it for yourself." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

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33 So Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent and into the tent of the two maids, but he did not find them. Then he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the household idols and put them in the camel's saddle, and she sat on them. And Laban felt through all the tent but did not find them.

35 She said to her father, "Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you, for the manner of women is upon me." So he searched but did not find the household idols. []

Romans 14:10b-11

10 ...For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall give praise to God." []

Matthew 15:13-14

13 But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted. 14 Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit." []

Numbers 28:11-15

11 'Then at the beginning of each of your months you shall present a burnt offering to the Lord: two bulls and one ram, seven male lambs one year old without defect; 12 and three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, for each bull; and two-tenths of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, for the one ram; 13 and a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering for each lamb, for a burnt offering of a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the Lord.

14 Their drink offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bull and a third of a hin for the ram and a fourth of a hin for a lamb; this is the burnt offering of each month throughout the months of the year. 15 And one male goat for a sin offering to the Lord; it shall be offered with its drink offering in addition to the continual burnt offering. []

1st Samuel 15:22

22 Samuel said, "Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams." []

Matthew 12:1-4

1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat. 2 But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath." 3 But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions, 4 how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone? []

Psalm 34:12-14

12 Who is the man who desires life And loves length of days that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil And your lips from speaking deceit. 14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. (Lying does no good).

Psalm 56: 3-4

3 When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. 4 In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can mere man do to me? (We don't have to lie). []

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Exodus 25:23-30

23“ You shall make a table of acacia wood, two cubits long and one cubit wide and one and a half cubits high... [3 feet long, 1.5 feet wide, 2.25 high] 30 You shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before Me at all times. []

1 Samuel 17:4

4 Then a champion came out from the armies of the Philistines named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span (9.75 feet). []

Psalms 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread? 2 When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though a host encamp against me, My heart will not fear; Though war arise against me, In spite of this I shall be confident. 4 One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord And to meditate in His temple.

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5 For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock. 6 And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord. 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice, And be gracious to me and answer me. 8 When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, O Lord, I shall seek."

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9 Do not hide Your face from me, Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not abandon me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation! 10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, But the Lord will take me up. 11 Teach me Your way, O Lord, And lead me in a level path Because of my foes. 12 Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence.

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13 I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living. 14 Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord. []

1 Samuel 18:30

30 Then the commanders of the Philistines went out to battle, and it happened as often as they went out, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul. So his name was highly esteemed.

1 Samuel 19:1

1 Now Saul told Jonathan his son and all his servants to put David to death. []

Mark 2:25-26

25 And He *said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions became hungry; 26 how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar [son of Ahimelech] the high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for anyone to eat except the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?” []

Psalm 59:4-7, 8-9 (David wrote Psalm 59 due to this particular incident)

4...Arouse Yourself to help me, and see! 5 You, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, Awake to punish all the nations; Do not be gracious to any who are treacherous in iniquity. Selah. 6 They return at evening, they howl like a dog, And go around the city. 7 Behold, they belch forth with their mouth; Swords are in their lips, For, they say, “Who hears?” 8 But You, O Lord, laugh at them; You scoff at all the nations. 9 Because of his strength I will watch for You, For God is my stronghold. []

1st Peter 5:8-10

8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. 10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. []