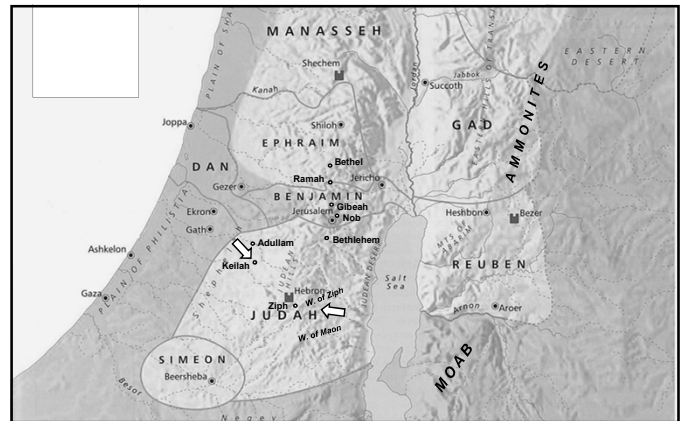


In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL



1 Samuel 23:1-29

Betrayal, Escape & Trust

Key Statement:

“...And Saul sought him (David) every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand.”

(1 Samuel 23:14)

Scene One: *Betrayal & Guidance*

➤ God's Word to David

- David desired God's guidance and gladly submitted to it
- David had access to the Lord while Saul had only his own resources

Scene One: *Betrayal & Guidance*

- *Having access to God's Word is of immeasurable value!*

Scene Two: *Betrayal & Providence*

➤ God's Unseen Hand

- God used "natural circumstances" to deliver David from Saul
- David attributed his escape not to fortunate circumstances but to the Lord (cf. Psalm 54)

¹Save me, O God, by Your name,
And vindicate me by Your power.
²Hear my prayer, O God;
Give ear to the words of my mouth.
³For strangers have risen against me
And violent men have sought my life;
They have not set God before them. (Selah)
⁴Behold, God is my helper;
The Lord is the sustainer of my soul.
⁵He will recompense the evil to my foes;
Destroy them in Your faithfulness.
⁶Willingly I will sacrifice to You;
I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.
⁷For He has delivered me from all trouble, and my eye
has looked *with satisfaction* upon my enemies.

(Psalm 54)

Scene Three: *Covenant Loyalty*

¹⁶And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. ¹⁷Thus he said to him, "Do not be afraid, because the hand of Saul my father will not find you, and you will be king over Israel and I will be next to you; and Saul my father knows that also." ¹⁸So the two of them made a covenant before the LORD; and David stayed at Horesh while Jonathan went to his house.

Scene Three: *Covenant Loyalty*

➤ Jonathan strengthened David

- he strengthened David's hand "in God" not in himself
- he reassured David of God's unfailing and unstoppable promises to him

Scene Three: *Covenant Loyalty*

➤ Let us "strengthen each others hands in God"

²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;
²⁴and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,
²⁵not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

(Hebrews 10:23-25)