

# A Man After God's Own Heart – 1 Samuel

1 Samuel 21:1-22:23

"The spirit of the antichrist– September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017



## Introduction

Fear and worry whisper to our hearts saying safety is found in being in control...being able to call the shots. At times, we tend to worry because it gives us a sense that we're *doing* something when in reality, worry is only a mirage of being in control. So where do we find true safety? When we turn to 1 Samuel 21 David's still on the run for his life with Saul intent on killing him. David needs a refuge. As we read chapters 21 and 22 today, we learn that true safety is not found in military might or being in control, but being close to God's anointed.

## Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response.

## Sermon Outline

- I. God provides for His anointed (21:1-9)
- II. God protects His anointed (21:10-15)
- III. The safest place to be is close to God's Anointed (22:1-23)

## Read & Discuss

### 1) Read [1 Samuel 21:1-9](#)

Once David finds out Saul still wants him dead, he flees to Nob to get food and a weapon for his journey. The priest is nervous at his arrival since he's alone and for whatever reason, David lies to get what he needs. Following Jesus' use of this text ([Matthew 12:1-8](#)) the point seems to center around David's identity as God's anointed. In the Old Testament, the Hebrew term for God's anointed is *messiah*. Once we arrive in the New Testament, the Greek equivalent for God's anointed is *christ*. As the anointed king, David is a type or foreshadowing of a greater King to come: Jesus, God's *ultimate* Christ. David may have thought it necessary to lie, but he was wrong. As the anointed, God would be with him and provide for his needs. Why do you think David was tempted to lie at this point? Though were not told, what lies about God might David be tempted with in the moment of crisis? Reflect on and discuss the importance of believing the truth about God in the midst of a trial...

Additional reading: Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 50:8-15

### 2) Read [1 Samuel 21:10-15](#)

Fleeing from Nob (in Israel), David travels west to Gath (\*See map on pg. 2). Gath was one of the major cities in Philistia and the hometown of Goliath ([1 Samuel 17:4](#)). Don't forget what David had in his hand when he entered Gath: Goliath's sword! It's not long till

David is exposed as the one who's defeated thousands of Philistines, and he's brought before Achish, king in Gath. After David fakes being insane and gets out alive – apparently, Achish had enough madmen in his city. After David gets out, he wrote Psalm 34 and Psalm 56 as a reflection of what happened. Take some time to read one or both those Psalms. What did David learn from what happened in Gath? How would learning these lessons *now* help him to better rule as king one day?

Additional reading: [Psalm 34](#), [Psalm 56](#)

### 3) Read [1 Samuel 22:1-23](#)

By the time we get to chapter 22, David seems to turn a corner in that he's learning as God's anointed, God would provide and protect. Sadly, in [v22](#) David is confronted with the consequences of his lies to Ahimelech the priest. Though Saul is responsible for the massacre, David's lie exposed the priests to danger and instead of blame-shifting, David takes responsibility. As a man after God's own heart, a man who is learning to trust God more and more, people find David is the man to follow and start to flock to him. God will provide and protect His anointed, but those who are close to him will also be safe. When the man you're finding refuge in is being hunted, it takes faith to follow him. But with God on David's side, there is no safer place to be. The same is true for the Christian. Because of our union to Christ by faith (note 'in Christ' in Ephesians 1:3, 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 15:4-5, Philippians 3:9), we receive God's provision and protection. What does it look like for us to fix our hope on Christ when we are fearful or worried? How can you encourage others who are struggling with the same concerns?

Additional reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-27, Romans 8:31-32, Psalm 57, Psalm 142

### **Prayer of Response**

Spend time praying together in response to God's word for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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