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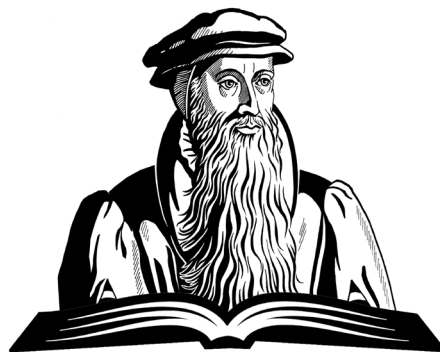
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Lesson 56

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The First Book of Samuel, chapters 21 thru 25

Memory Verse

“Go up in peace to thine house; see I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.”

1 Samuel 25:35

Historical Summary

David became a fugitive because he feared that Saul would kill him. He had to find a place to go, food to eat, and he also needed weapons to defend himself. First he came to Ahimelech, the priest. There he obtained some food and a spear. But he could not stay there. So he went to Achish, king of Gath. Although he tried to hide his true identity, they soon detected who he really was. He fooled Achish, however, by pretending to be a mad man.

From Achish, King of Gath, David continued his flight from Saul to the land of Moab, where he hid in a cave. There were 400 men gathered with him to support and defend him. Meanwhile, Saul continued to hunt for David and followed every clue he was given as to his whereabouts. When Doeg the Edomite told Saul that Ahimelech the priest had helped David, Saul killed Ahimelech. Saul was so filled with hatred that he even killed all the people of the town Nob where Ahimelech lived.

While David was fleeing from Saul, he heard that the Philistines had attacked Keilah, a city in Israel. He asked the Lord if he should defend Israel, and God promised to be with David, so David defended Keilah. But Saul came to find David in Keilah, so he had to flee again to the wilderness of Ziph. Saul still pursued after David, but before he could fulfill his plans, he heard that the Philistines had invaded the land, and he had to give up pursuing David for a time.



After the war with the Philistines, Saul again pursued David to kill him. In doing so, he encamped at the mouth of a cave, not knowing that David and his men were inside the cave! Saul went into the cave to relieve himself, and David had the opportunity to kill him, but he did not do so. Instead, he secretly cut off the skirt of Saul's robe. He did this to prove that he had the power, but did not have the desire to kill Saul. This humbled Saul for a time, and he asked David to have mercy upon him when he became king.

David was still in the wilderness when Samuel died. He and his men needed food, so he sent his men to ask a certain Nabal, a rich man, for food. But Nabal was mean and selfish and he refused to share. This was very upsetting to David, because David's men had helped Nabal in the past. So David and his men mounted a war against Nabal, and they were planning to kill him. But Abigail, Nabal's wife, prepared a generous gift for David, and thereby deferred this punishment. Ten days later, Nabal died. Then David took Abigail to be his wife.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

Imagine for a moment being a citizen of the nation of Israel at this time. Israel was a unique nation, called by God to be a separate people. God had given them his laws, he sent them his prophets, he even gave them kings to guide them and to defend them. Then they see the sad spectacle of Saul wanting to kill David. Oh, what turmoil and confusion! Yet there would have been those in Israel who saw what was happening as a reflection of what was going on in their own hearts. By nature, there was a wicked "Saul" who reigned in their hearts. Who could deliver them from his wicked influence? Then they would think of David in all his might, his patience, his respect for God's commandments. And then they would begin to see a reflection of a greater king who could come and rule in their lives. And their hearts would long for him to come and lead them in the way everlasting. In this way, Israel's national history became a spiritual lesson for its people.

Questions

1. How did David fool Achish into believing he was someone else?
 - a. He wore someone else's clothes
 - b. He let spittle fall on his beard.
 - c. He crawled on the ground like a child.
 - d. He spoke in a different language.
2. Who died because he helped David?
 - a. Doeg the Edomite
 - b. Jonathan, Saul's son
 - c. Ahitab, David's captain
 - d. Ahimelech the priest
3. In what two places did the people betray David to Saul?
 - a. Gath and Gilead
 - b. Keilah and Ziph
 - c. Maen and Engede
 - d. Nob and Mizpeh
4. How did David show he could have killed Saul?
 - a. By taking away some of Saul's food
 - b. By hiding Saul's weapons
 - c. By cutting off a piece of Saul's robe
 - d. By showing Saul the size of his army

5. Why did Nabal refuse to help David?
- a. Because David had been mean to him 20 years earlier.
 - b. Because Nabal was simply a mean and selfish man.
 - c. He was trying to weaken David's men by starving them.
 - d. He was too busy shearing his sheep.

Discussions

1. Why was it dangerous for anyone to cooperate with David by hiding or protecting him? Prove your answer by what Saul did to Jonathan.

2. Show that Saul was so filled with hatred towards David that he lost all sense of reason and self control.

3. Everywhere David went, Saul pursued after him. But he never was able to kill David. Show that the relationship between Saul and David is like Satan trying to destroy the work of God.

4. Why do you think David refused to kill Saul and save his own life?

5. How did Nabal's rebellion lead to David becoming greater and more wealthy?
