

## 1 Samuel 21:1-22:5

### Till I Know What God Will Do for Me

Have you ever been through a difficult time and not understood what was next? In that difficult time, did you seek the Lord or did you turn to your own strength and wisdom? Or did you talk to an elder of the church?

When difficult times come, do you seek the Lord and trust Him no matter what?

Are you willing to take godly stands no matter what your circumstances?

Do you impact others around you with godly leadership or worldly influence?

1. **As Christians, we must seek and trust in God over everything else.**
2. **As Christians, we should ask God to lead us even when things are difficult and do not make sense. We cannot always trust our feelings, but we can always trust God!**
3. **As followers of Christ, we can trust that God's Spirit, His word, and His people will help us in times of need.**
4. **We should be thankful and worship Jesus knowing He is in control and He ALWAYS helps His people.**

**Vs 3-6 It appears that David did not do anything wrong. He wanted to honor God and do the right thing to Saul. David's life is threatened and now he is running from everything and he is a fugitive.**

**Have you ever been through a difficult or confusing situation and you did not know what to do? Watch what David does. He seeks godly counsel! Do you?**

David seeks out godly advice in going to the priests. Saul is impetuous and selfish and desires power. David wants to do the right thing and seeks out God and His people to help give good input.

David has favor with God and David is a natural leader called by God. People follow him.

**Godly people have godly influence! Who are you influencing around you? Are you pointing them to God and godliness?**

1. **Good news of Jesus**
2. **Teaching God's word to them**
3. **Praying for them**
4. **Living life with them**
5. **Humbly knowing we are weak but God is strong**

**2 Corinthians 12:9** *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*

**Deuteronomy 31:6** *"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."*

Nob is a city between Jerusalem and Gibeah. Ahimelech is the great grandson of Eli.

Ahimelech thinks that David is on official duty. He thinks that David is doing official work for the king.

The priest requires that people be clean for sacrifice and to eat this priestly bread. If they had been with their wives and not gone through the ceremonial cleansing, they would be considered unclean. The priest wants to teach and lead to do the right thing. The priest was being merciful in offering this bread to feed the hungry, but wanted to do it in the right and godly way.

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**Vs 7-9** Doeg would later report to Saul what happened and Saul's selfish heart and lack of trust in the Lord would cause many people harm.

**When we seek the Lord, it helps us and impacts others.**

**When we are selfish, it can be bad for us and negativity impacts others.**

Even though David was running, people desired to help him. His reputation proceeded him. He lead, chasing after God, and protecting in influencing people.

**Do you quietly seek after the Lord and model godliness to those around you?**

**Vs 10-15** David has a strong reputation as a warrior. Saul does not take heed to this. David is showing godliness and goodwill not treating Saul like an enemy.

The people had to seek the priests or prophets to hear from God. They did not have the Spirit of God in them or the whole Bible.

If the king could see David as a threat, he might raise up an army against him or try to kill him. David was humble and shrewd and acted crazy to not draw suspicion or death.

**God protects David by giving him ideas and by guarding his safety.**

**22:1-5** Many of David's family and supporters of him were in danger from Saul. David, gathered them or protected them or hid them.

David's parents were old and probably could not make the journey so he made sure they were safe.

**God put David in place. God made him a great warrior. David is going to replace Saul as king. David trusts in God, does the right thing, and seeks out godly council.**

**Have you asked Jesus to be your Leader in life? Have you asked forgiveness of your sins?**

**What is it in your life that you need to give to Jesus and ask Him for help?**

**Where do you need to ask Jesus to take control?**

**What might God be teaching you that is not easy, but it makes you more of who He wants you to be?**

*Gather ~ Praise ~ Pray ~ Grow ~ Serve*