



Lesson 72

DAVID: MAN ON THE RUN

Story Elements

- **Story:** 1 Samuel 20:1-21:9
- **Setting:** approx. 1030 B.C.
- **Main Characters:** God, David, Saul, and Jonathan
- **Plot:** Jonathan confirms David's fears about Saul, and David flees to Nob
- **Key word(s):** " _____ " (20:8,16);
" _____ " (20:17)
- **Climax:** *"For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die."* (20:31)

1. (20:1-3) David, escaping from Saul who was entranced at _____ (cf. 19:24), came to Jonathan and expressed his dismay at Saul's determination to kill him. (20:1) Jonathan, convinced that his father would confide in him, was shocked that David believed his father wanted him dead.
2. (20:4-8) David conceived of a way to finally confirm Saul's intentions: David would forego the New Moon feast under the guise of a _____. If Saul was glad for David's absence, then David would know that Saul's anger had subsided; if Saul was angry for David's absence, then David would know that Saul still intended harm.
3. (20:12-17) David and Jonathan renewed their covenantal loyalty before the LORD, swearing their friendship and peace between their _____.
4. (20:24-26) During the feast, David hid out in a nearby _____, waiting for word from Jonathan via a predetermined sign.
5. (20:27-34) On the second day, Saul inquired of David's whereabouts, and was so enraged to hear that he was at Bethlehem, that he cursed Jonathan and tried to kill him. Jonathan knew then, without a doubt, that Saul was fully intent on _____ David.
6. (20:35-42) Jonathan followed their plan (cf. 20:19-22), indicating to David by bow-shot his father's intentions. David emerged from his hiding place and the friends shared a sorrowful good-bye.

Supply Run

7. (21:1-3) David fled to _____, the city of priests where the Tabernacle was set up. Lacking supplies, David asked Ahimelech for bread.

- a. Ahimelech, who surely had heard of the king's displeasure with David, was suspicious and asked why David was _____ (meaning without courtiers or other men of rank).
 - b. David lied and said he was on a hasty errand for the king. Ahimelech, having only sacred bread, sought the LORD regarding the matter (22:10) and permitted David the bread so long as he and his servants were _____ clean.
8. (21:8-9) David also requested weapon, and Ahimelech gave him the very sword of _____, which apparently had been dedicated to the Tabernacle.

Application

9. David lied to Ahimelech, and his lying had consequences (as we will see in next week's lesson). Why do you think David lied instead of being honest with Ahimelech? _____
10. Goliath's sword became David's. The very instrument intended to kill David was used by David for victory. In much the same way, Jesus' crucifixion was intended to destroy him, but instead, it exalted him and vanquished the power of _____.

1 Corinthians 15:55 *O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?* **56** *The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.* **57** *But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Answer Key

Key Word(s) "covenant; loved" 1. Naioth • 2. family reunion • 3. offspring • 4. field; a) murdering; b) -- • 5. Nob; a) alone; b) ceremonially • 6. Goliath • 7. He probably feared Ahimelech would not help him, or perhaps David wanted to keep Ahimelech innocent in the matter. • 8. sin and death