

## 1 Samuel 21-25

### Chapter 21

#### Overview

1-11 – David/men receive Holy Bread & Sword from priest at Nob  
V12-15 – David flees to Gath & acts like madman to get out of there

#### Point #1 Reading the Bible Breathes Life into Reading the Bible

V1-11 – Referred to by Jesus in Mt 12, “Have you not read...”

V12-15 – Story behind **Psalm 56** & **Psalm 34!**

\* **Psalm 56** is the “Prayer”; **Palm 34** is the “Answer” (Ps 51 & 32)

### Chapter 22

#### Overview

V1-5 – David’s famous 400 men; Everyone distressed/debt/discontented

V6-23 – Saul Murders Priests of Nob (v18 = 85 + City/women/child

#### Point #3 David’s Response

Psalm 52 – A Contemplation (Heb/Maschil = Poem of Contemplation)

\* Sometimes WE want to do something...

\* Sometimes that something is “giving it to God!”

\* Through Prayer/Meditation/Contemplation – We can work it out with God and thru God

### Chapter 23

#### Overview

V1-13 – David saves Keilah; Keilah Willing/Ready/Turn David Over

V14-29 – David flees from Saul/Army (Ziph to Maon to EnGedi)

#### Point #3 God’s Sovereignty & Providence

V14-17 – God’s Sovereignty – Supreme power

V27-28 – God’s Providence – Divine Guidance or Care

**Psalm 96:1-6** – gods of the peoples are idols, Lord made heavens!

## Chapter 24

#### Overview

\* David Spares Saul in the Cave (1<sup>st</sup> Time)

#### Point #4 Fool Me Once Shame on You, Fool Me Twice...

\* Or, “The Gift of Discernment”

**Genesis 41:39** <sup>39</sup>Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.

**Proverbs 2:3-5** <sup>3</sup>Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, <sup>4</sup>If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; <sup>5</sup>Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God.

**1 Corinthians 12:10** <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

\* Actually Uses Gift of Discernment Twice!

V12, 15, 17, 20 & 22 – With Saul

V4-7 – With his own men!

### Chapter 25

#### Overview

V1 – Samuel dies

V2-9 – David sends his men to get food/supplies from Nabal

V10-13 – Nabal rejects them

V14-31 – Nabal’s wife Abigail apologizes to David for her husband

V32-39 – David heeds/wise counsel - not avenging himself/trust God

V40-44 – David takes Abigail as a wife (Violates Dt 17:17; Ex 20:14)

#### Point #5 David was a Wise Guy (Not Perfect)

Proverbs 1:5 <sup>5</sup>A wise man will hear and increase learning,

**1. Proverbs 8:33** <sup>33</sup>Hear instruction (discipline, chastening, correction) and be wise, And do not disdain it.

Proverbs 9:9 <sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;

**2. Proverbs 12:15** <sup>15</sup>The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

**3. Proverbs 15:31** <sup>31</sup>The ear that hears the rebukes of life Will abide among the wise.