

4th Quarter – Week 4

(David's Fight – King Saul's Anger – Samuel Dies)

<p>Day 1 1 Samuel 21-22</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleeing Saul, David goes to Nob and meets with the priest Ahimelech. David lies to him about a secret mission and traveling with unauthorized soldiers. David should have trusted God. The priest gives David the shewbread and Goliath's sword (21:1-9). • David travels to Gath, the headquarters of the Philistines. He is recognized and feigns insanity to keep from being killed. The Philistines' King Achish drives him away (21:1-15). • David escapes to a cave. His parents are left to the care of the king of Moab, and 400 men follow David. Saul continues in his paranoia thinking that David and Jonathan are plotting against him. He learns that the priest, Ahimelech, had helped David. Saul sentences 85 priests to death and then wipes out all the men, women, children, and livestock of Nob (22:1-23). <p>Jesus Christ: David and others were seeking refuge. Jesus offers refuge to all who believe in Him (John 10:28).</p>
<p>Day 2 1 Samuel 23-24</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David defeats the Philistines who were raiding Keilah. While David is still in the city, Saul moves to capture him. God warns David to flee the city because the people will turn him over to Saul (23:1-14). • Jonathan meets with David to encourage him. The Ziphites betray David and he is forced to flee. Saul closes in on David, and they are encamped on the other side of the mountain where David and his men were camping. The Philistine are getting ready to attack the land, forcing Saul to leave and address the invasion. David escapes Saul once again with God's help (23:15-25). • Saul resumes his hunt for David and unknowingly camps in the same cave as David. David does not kill Saul but cuts off a piece of his robe to show he has no ill will against Saul. The king is overwhelmed by David's mercy, and he temporarily repents of his desire to kill David (24:1-22). <p>Jesus Christ: David refused to create his own short cut to the throne, but trusted God's wisdom and timing. Jesus refused Satan's "short cut" to the throne.</p>
<p>Day 3 Psalms 7, 27, 31</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalm 7 is David's Psalm calling for God's protection from his enemies. He writes of those falsely accusing him of wanting to kill King Saul. The incident in the cave proved he did not. • Psalm 27 is David's Psalm emphasizing waiting on the Lord, especially when facing your enemies. It is a call to be strong and courageous because God is on your side. • Psalm 31 is David's Psalm recognizing that seasons of trials and rescue are orchestrated by God's sovereign hand. <p>Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ quoted Ps. 31:5 on the cross, "into your hand I commit my spirit".</p>

<p>Day 4 Psalm 34, 52, 56, 120</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 34th Psalm of David is written about his pretending to be insane before Abimelech who is Achish in 1 Samuel 21. David encourages the reader to trust the Lord and serve Him. • David writes the 52nd Psalm when he is betrayed by Doeg the Edomite in 1 Samuel 21-22. The end result of 85 priest being killed along with the people of Nob lead David to write about the end of the wicked and the peace of the godly. • When David is captured by the Philistines in Gath (1 Samuel 21), the threat of being killed leads to the words of Psalm 56. The Psalm includes the admission of fear, "When I am afraid, I will trust in You". • There is no explicit connection to David but it is possible he wrote Psalm 120. However, the themes fit his time of exile covering slander, being exiled, and the longing for peace. <p>Jesus Christ: Jesus reflected the mindset of Psalm 52 entrusting Himself to the righteous judgment of God.</p>
<p>Day 5 Psalm 140-142</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalms 140 describes David's enemies with tongues as sharp as serpents and like the poison of vipers. He remembers how God covered his head like a helmet in past battles. He asks the Lord to let the wicked people's own evil schemes backfire on them. • Psalm 141 is a prayer of David when he is being hunted by Saul. David asks God to guard his words, protect his heart from corruption and the acceptance of his prayer. • Psalm 142 is a personal lament and prayer of David when hiding in a cave. Feeling totally abandoned and low, David looks to God as his only refuge. <p>Jesus Christ: God persevered David's royal line which led to Jesus. There was no doubt of David's preservation because of God's promises to him.</p>
<p>Day 6 1 Samuel 25</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The death of the prophet Samuel is recorded. A man named, Nabal, rejects David's men who had guarded his sheep. David moves to destroy Nabal's house. Nabal's wife, Abigail, intercedes and provides provisions for David and his men. She stops David from killing Nabal and reminds him of his royal destiny (25:1-31). • David is thankful he has been turned away from sinful revenge. God strikes Nabal dead ten days later. David thanks God for executing justice and takes Abigail as his wife (25:32-44). <p>Jesus Christ: Abigail acted as a mediator and substitute stating, "Let the blame be on me." Jesus stands in the gap for sinners and bears the wrath of God for us.</p>