

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1)	06 December. 2026.....	1Samuel 01-02.....	Prayer
2)	13 Dec.....	1Samuel 03-04.....	Calling
3)	20 Dec.....	Luke 02.....	(Christmas) Savior
4)	27 Dec.....	1Samuel 05-07.....	Supremacy
5)	03 January 2027.....	1Samuel 08-14.....	King Demanded
6)	10 Jan.....	1Samuel 15.....	Obedience
7)	17 Jan.....	Psalms 139.....	Value of Life
8)	24 Jan.....	1Samuel 16.....	Anointed
9)	31 Jan.....	1Samuel 17.....	Victory
10)	07 Feb.....	1Samuel 18-21.....	Friendship
11)	14 Feb.....	1Samuel 22-24.....	Respect
12)	21 Feb.....	1Samuel 25.....	Discernment
13)	28 Feb.....	1Samuel 26-31.....	Guidance

INTRODUCTION

- David remained true to his convictions to do no harm to God's anointed king, but Saul oscillated between sparing David and seeking his death
- What would you do if someone was out to do you harm?
 - Would you go into hiding as David did?
 - Or would you go on the offensive?
 - Would you have a wait-and-see attitude to see if things would escalate to a breaking point before fighting back?
- Consider this.** David was waiting on the Lord's timing to assume the throne, so he avoided contact with Saul as much as possible so that no harm would befall either of them by the hand of the other.

Passage	Comments
1Samuel 22:1-5	The Downtrodden Become David's Army - vv1-2. Society's outcasts gather around David. - How could a gathering of losers be a good thing? - Wouldn't those who ran away from their debts soon run away from you after taking your things? - Wouldn't complainers soon complain about you? - v5. David heeded prophet Gad's advice to head back to Judah, which was enemy territory. WHY? Consider this. The providence of God needed to play out between King Saul and future King David
22:6-23	Providence Plays Out - A godly man, Ahimelech, & 85 other priests and their families were slain because he did the right thing - Could this have been prevented? Psalms 41:2, a psalm of David states, "The Lord will protect the generous man who helps those in need [Ahimelech helped David] and will not deliver him into the hands of his enemies." - Why don't we have a contradiction? - How do we answer the critics on this? Consider this. This is a general or a proverbial principle and not a universal or absolute truism. We have to factor in other scriptures where God allows the wicked to slay the righteous for reasons only God knows (Ps 10:8; 37:32; 94:21; Job 1)
23:1-14	David Inquires of the Lord - vv2, 4, 10-12. Though David was anointed and he was considered a prophet, yet he seldom assumed anything, but he frequently sought God's guidance. - We don't have ephods, lots, or Urim & Thummim, so how should we seek God's guidance today? ☐ Should we Pray? ☐ Should we flip a coin? ☐ Should we consult Scripture? ☐ Or friends? - What gives us assurance we have received God's guidance on a matter?

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23:15-29	The Reason for Saul's Anger - vv21-23. The wicked (King Saul in this case) sent out the wicked to spy out the righteous to do them harm Ps 37:32 The wicked spies upon the righteous and seeks to kill him. - Who is looking to do us harm, and how should we combat or prepare for some tough days? - v22. David is very crafty. Anything wrong with using deceitful means to preserve one's life?..... Depends - vv27-29. Again, God's providence comes in to play and preserve's David from capture by sending Saul on a wild-goose chase. - v28. Sela-hammah-lekoth – The "Cliff of Escapes" or the "Rock of Division" – David always liked to have reminders of where God rescued or blessed him. - How do we recall God's goodness in our lives?
24:1-7	Opportunity to Slay Saul - vv3-4. Saul takes a bathroom break, and David refuses to take advantage of the situation. Was this wise? In hindsight, yes it was. Consider this. Jer 41-42 presents a similar case where Gedaliah refused to have Ishmael killed. In the end Ishmael slew Gedaliah. Was Gedaliah wise in his dealing with Ishmael?
24:8-22	In God We Trust, All Others Beware - v13. David quotes an ancient proverb, "Wickedness proceeds from the wicked." This is akin to you shall know them by their fruit. - We should not judge someone's heart or motives, but we can judge their words and actions - vv21-22. Saul and David part ways amicably, but David opts to flee further from Saul. - We may have to love some people from a distance

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- Principle to Live By.** When bad fruit is evident in some of our so called friends or family, it is often prudent to avoid them as Jesus avoided the Sadducees and Pharisees for as long as He could

NEXT WEEK: 1Samuel 25. We are introduced to Abigail, a woman who recognized she had a foolish husband (Nabal) who would get them all killed if she did not take matters into her own hands.

