

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## Fleeing

- Introduction
  - Definition: flee – to run away often from danger or evil; to hurry toward a place of security.
  - Hebrew Terms
    - ✦ בָּרַח (barach) – flee [Gen 16:6, 8; 31:20-22, 27]
    - ✦ חָסָה (chasah) – seek refuge [Ruth 2:12; Ps 2:12; 5:11; 7:1; 11:1; 16:1; & many more in the Psalms]
    - ✦ נָסַח (nus) – flee, escape [Gen 19:20; 39:12-13, 15, 18]
  - Greek Terms
    - ✦ φεύγω (pheugō) – flee, escape [Mark 13:14; 16:8; Acts 7:29; 27:30; Heb 11:34]
    - ✦ ἐκφεύγω (ekpheugō) – run away, escape [Acts 16:27; Rom 2:3; 2 Cor 11:33]
    - ✦ καταφεύγω (katapheugō) – flee to refuge [Acts 14:6; Heb 6:18]
- Development
  - There is an appropriate time to flee and an appropriate time to stand fast [Ecc 3:1].
    - ✦ David fled from Saul in the will of God.
    - ✦ Joseph and his family (including the Christ child) fled in the will of God [Matt 2:13].
    - ✦ The Lord Jesus Christ fled in the will of God [John 8:53-59; 10:33-39; 12:34-36].
  - Fleeing outside the will of God is a futile endeavor.
    - ✦ David taught this in a song [Psalm 139:7-12].
    - ✦ This was vividly evident in the life of Jonah [Jonah 1:3, 10; 4:2].
    - ✦ Israel learned this lesson [Isa 10:3; Jer 39:4-5].
  - Fleeing in the will of God is a provision of refuge.
    - ✦ Under the Mosaic Law, accidental killers could seek refuge [Ex 21:13; Num 35:10-34].
    - ✦ Faithful believers are to flee to God for His protection [Ps. 2:12; 5:11; 7:1; 11:1; 16:1; 18:2; 31:1; ...].
    - ✦ As we have seen, Joseph was actually commanded to flee to Egypt [Matt 2:13].
  - Believers are commanded to flee from:
    - ✦ Immorality [1 Cor 6:18]
    - ✦ Idolatry [1 Cor 10:14]
    - ✦ Foolish and harmful desires [1 Tim 6:9-11]
    - ✦ Youthful lusts [2 Tim 2:22]

- Conclusions
  - Fleeing outside of the will of God is due to fear.
  - We need not flee our enemies in fear, because the Lord will drive them out [Ex 33:1-2].
  - Satan, the defeated adversary, is referred to as the fleeing serpent [Job 26:13; Isa 27:1].
  - The Lord Jesus Christ has already defeated and disarmed the forces of darkness [Col 2:15].
  - God the Father leads the believer in triumph in Christ [2 Cor 2:14].
  - Satan will flee from us – victorious champions in Christ – when we resist him [Jas 4:6-8].
    - ✦ Humbly submit to God
    - ✦ Draw near to God
    - ✦ Be cleansed and purified for service to God