

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## More Fleeing

- After David left Saul's house he fled to Nob [1 Sam 21:1].
  - Nob's exact location is unknown.
  - The Assyrian army stopped there when approaching Jerusalem [Isa 10:32].
  - The Benjamites inhabited Nob after returning from the exile [Neh 11:31-32].
  - In Nob David came to Ahimelech seeking help.
  - Ahimelech was a priest and his father was Ahitub [1 Sam 22:11].
  - This line of priests descended from Eli [1 Sam 14:3] in the line of Ithamar [1 Chr 24:3].
- Ahimelech was troubled by David's appearance and asked him why he was alone.
  - David answered Ahimelech with a complete and utter lie [1 Sam 21:2].
    - ✦ He lied about his mission.
    - ✦ He lied about his men.
  - He redirected the conversation by asking Ahimelech for food [1 Sam 21:3].
- Ahimelech had no bread to offer except for the consecrated bread [1 Sam 21:4].
  - Twelve loaves were kept on the table in the holy place, refreshed once per week [Lev 24:5-8].
  - The week-old bread was intended for the priests to eat [Lev 24:9].
  - Ahimelech told David that he and his men could have the bread if they were ceremonially clean.
- David decided to compound his original lie by telling another one [1 Sam 21:5].
- Ahimelech provided David with the week-old bread [1 Sam 21:6].
- Doeg the Edomite observed this [1 Sam 21:7].
  - He was a servant of Saul, chief of his shepherds.
  - The Lord had detained him in Nob.
- David decided to continue his lying as he asked Ahimelech for weaponry [1 Sam 21:8].
- Ahimelech had only one weapon, Goliath's sword [1 Sam 21:9a cf. 1 Sam 17:54].
- David, who disliked bulky armament [1 Sam 17:39], was more than happy to take Goliath's sword from Ahimelech [1 Sam 21:9b].
- David then fled from Saul's kingdom and sought refuge in Philistia [1 Sam 21:10].
  - It provided safety from Saul, but it was a place of danger for David nonetheless.
  - David came to Achish, King of Gath.
  - His servants recognized David, making David aware that he was in danger [1 Sam 21:11-12].
- David feigned insanity in order to be released so he could flee once again [1 Sam 21:13].
  - King Achish saw David's crazy behavior and wondered why David had even been brought into his presence [1 Sam 21:14-15].
  - Once he had been released by King Achish, David wasted no time in fleeing to the cave of Adullam [1 Sam 22:1].