

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## Murder of the Priests at Nob

- King Saul discovered David and his men in Hereth [1 Sam 22:6].
  - Saul was not in his palace, but was in a high place under a tamarisk (salt cedar) tree.
  - Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba [Gen 21:33].
  - Saul would be buried under a tamarisk tree at Jabesh [1 Sam 31:13].
- Saul accused his Benjamite servants of conspiring with David [1 Sam 22:7-8].
  - He reminded them of the things that he could reward them with for faithful service.
  - His accusation against them was that they had not informed him of Jonathan's covenant with David.
  - He was also upset because he assumed that David was in Hereth lying in ambush against him.
- Doeg the Edomite implied that Ahimelech was involved in the conspiracy [1 Sam 22:9-10].
  - Saul responded by summoning Ahimelech and all the priests in Nob [1 Sam 22:11].
  - Saul directly accused Ahimelech of conspiring with David [1 Sam 22:12-13].
    - ✦ He gave David bread and a sword.
    - ✦ He inquired of the Lord for David.
- Ahimelech answered Saul's accusation by proclaiming David's integrity and honor and his own innocence [1 Sam 22:14-15].
  - David was Saul's son-in-law and was faithful.
  - David was the leader of the guard and honored.
  - David had inquired of God many times.
  - Ahimelech and the priests had no knowledge of a conspiracy against Saul.
- Saul responded by calling for the execution of Ahimelech and the rest of his family of priests [1 Sam 22:16].
  - Saul's servants were unwilling to carry out the execution [1 Sam 22:17].
  - Doeg the Edomite had no issue with killing the priests [1 Sam 22:18-19].
- Abiathar, the son of Ahimelech, escaped and found David and told him about the execution of the priests [1 Sam 22:20-23].
  - David truly felt responsible for what had happened and would keep Abiathar in his service throughout his life.
  - David composed Psalm 52 as a testimony to the evil of Doeg the Edomite.