

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

David Flees to Philistia

- David took his eyes off of the Lord and threw himself a little pity party [1 Sam 27:1].
 - David said to himself (in his heart) which means he was not speaking to the Lord.
 - He was looking at his problems entirely from the perspective of human viewpoint.
 - He chose the “nothing better” option which was the lesser of two evils in his view.
- David took his entire army along with his two wives to live in Philistia [1 Sam 27:2-3].
 - They all stayed with Achish, king of Gath.
 - David had previously fled to Gath (and King Achish) all alone [1 Sam 21:10ff].
- David's carnal, human effort solution produced temporary results [1 Sam 27:4].
- David considered himself unworthy to live in the royal city and asked King Achish for a more remote place to hide in exile [1 Sam 27:5].
- King Achish honored David's request and made him ruler over Ziklag [1 Sam 27:6].
 - Ziklag had been assigned to Simeon [Josh 19:1, 5].
 - David stayed in Ziklag for 16 months [1 Sam 27:7].
- David and his men had military success while in Ziklag [1 Sam 27:8-12].
 - David raided the Geshurites, Girzites and Amalekites, but claimed to have gone up against Judah, the Jerahmeelites and Kenites.
 - David left no witnesses to tell Achish otherwise.
 - David's deception fooled King Achish who falsely believed that David would be his loyal servant.