

The Life of David: Running for Your Life (1Samuel18-23)

1. The Sin of Saul

- A. Saul's _____ – *1Sam15:21-29*
1. Samuel's words
 2. the evil spirit...*18:10* – God is moving Saul out; Holy Spirit in OT vs. NT...
- B. The downward _____ of sin
1. Saul's fear in battle (*13:8-14; 17:11*)
 2. Saul's fear of those who are for him and blessed of the Lord (David and Priests and Jonathan)
**18:12-16* – Saul turned on those who were for him, this is God's doing... *Prv28:1*
 3. Saul's life of fear: jealousy, suspicion, anger (*18:7-9, these words used for kings, not soldiers*); afraid, dread (*18:15*); panic in a safe place (*19:9; Prv28:1*)
 4. Saul's hatred and murder: *18:11, 21, 28-29; 19:9-11; 20:31-33; ***22:13-19*
 5. Saul is fighting against the Lord: *23:14*
- C. _____ for God to use: *12:20-25; 13:13-14; *** 2Tim2:20,21; ***1Cor9:27*
1. Saul and his sons – Saul's line is disqualified, set aside and they all end up dying early
 2. Consider the Pharisees, set aside by God, fought against God and murdered Christ!
 3. One person's sin affects all those around him... David is now literally running for his life!

2. The Obedience of David

- A. A man after God's own _____ – David loved God and obeyed Him fully, even at the cost of his life
1. Fighting for God's glory (*17:45-47*)
 2. David's humility (*18:17,18*)
 3. David loved God's Word! (*reflection of his heart - ***Psalm1; Psalm119:1-5, 9-11, 97*)
- B. God was with David and _____ him – *18:14,28-30*
1. God blesses those who follow Him fully! *Numb14:24; Deut28:1-2*
 2. The religious fakes hate those who walk with God (*18:14,15, 28-29*)
*Think of Moses... Paul... and Jesus...
- C. So, why does God allow this? David has to run for his life for 10 years! _____
1. Why did God wait 25 years after promising Abraham a son, to give him Isaac?
 2. What about Moses? He had to be a shepherd 40yrs in the wilderness before delivering Egypt?
 3. God had already had Samuel anoint David to be king, why make him suffer first?
- Two answers: 1. _____
2. _____

3. Running for Your Life

- A. The enemy wants us _____ and slandering God's name (*Ex. Saul; he tried w/ Job*)
*He hits us with heavy blows to push us back into mediocrity, so we are of no use to God!
- B. God develops our _____ for His call on our life (*John15:2; Ja1:2,3; Heb12:4-10*)
- C. It is a _____ that God is with us, for the world and false religious hate God and His ways of truth
**Luke6:24-26; 1Pe4:12-19*
- D. We are _____ until our work on earth is done! (*for those who follow actually follow Christ!*)
*This is clearly seen throughout David's life... Think of the Apostle Paul's life...

*****THE BIG QUESTION:** Who most clearly pictures your life right now? Saul or David?!!!