

1 Samuel 22: Self-Exaltation Bloodbath / Unthinkable Consequences of Yielding to the Flesh

1 Samuel Chapter 21 Review:

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom...

Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare...

- David will be king though Saul seeks his life
- David went to Nob. The priest Ahimelech inquired of God for him
- He was given bread and took Goliath's sword
- Doeg, Saul's Chief Shepherd was lurking...watching and listening to David and the priest...David is getting anxious
- David went to his enemies the Philistines and becomes afraid
- He acts like who he is not...because of fear (scratching, drooling)
- Doeg is waiting for the chance to exalt himself and David is still on the run from Saul

1 Samuel 22

1 So David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and **all his father's household** heard of it, they went down there to him. 2 **Everyone** who was in **distress**, and everyone who was in **debt**, and everyone who was **discontented** gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him.

- **Everyone:** Those looking for hope (Type of Christ)

Matthew 5: Sermon on the Mount

Distress: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Debt: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Discontented: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

- **Bond of Friendship:** All knowing their need for Jesus
- **Fathers Household:** Strong father bringing the brothers...a

leader

- **Humility** in following his son

3And David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the **king of Moab**, "Please let my father and my mother come and stay with you until I know what **God will do for me.**" 4Then he left them with the king of Moab; and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold. 5The prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, **and go into the land of Judah.**" So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.

- **King of Moab:** My enemies enemy is my friend
- ...what God will do for me...David knew God's heart
- **Gad:** David now has a prophet and will soon have his priest
- Go back to the promise... (Judah) **"You will be King!"**
- **Where God guides, he provides**

6Then Saul heard that David and the men who were with him had been discovered. Now Saul was sitting in Gibeah, under the **tamarisk tree** on the height with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing around him. 7Saul said to his servants who stood around him, "Hear now, **O Benjamites!** Will the son of Jesse also give to all of you fields and vineyards? Will he make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds? 8"For all of you have conspired against me so that there is no one who discloses to me when my son makes a covenant with the **son of Jesse**, and there is none of you who is sorry for me or discloses to me that **my son** has stirred up my servant against me to lie in ambush, as it is this day."

- **Tamarisk Tree:** Common to hold court under a well-known tree!
- **Benjamite:** Hey...c'mon bro's
- **Son of Jesse:** Trouble saying David's name
- **Insecurity begs mans sympathy** as weakness becomes evident
- **Doeg** is happy to oblige

9Then **Doeg the Edomite**, who was standing by the servants of Saul, said, "**I saw** the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. 10"He inquired of the LORD for him, gave him provisions, and

gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine." 11Then the king sent someone to summon Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's household, the priests who were in Nob; and all of them came to the king.

- **Making a name for himself** (Saul's Chief Shepherd jealous of the Shepherd that would be King)
- **Picture of the flesh:** Exaltation of self. **When did it begin?** Or...
- **Why are we like this?**

Isaiah 14:12 (Read) "How you have fallen from heaven,
O star of the morning, son of the dawn!
You have been cut down to the earth,
You who have weakened the nations!

13"But you said in your heart,

'I will ascend to heaven;

I will raise my throne above the stars of God,

And I will sit on the mount of assembly

In the recesses of the north.

14'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;

I will make myself like the Most High.'

- Satan was cast out of Heaven after his failed effort
- He will now deceive man into believing he can be like God
- Man **was** created in God's image...to worship Him

Genesis 1: 27 God created man in **His own image**, in the **image of God** He created him; male and female He created them. 28God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- Image of **Himself** (Said 2x)
- God **blessed**: Made happy

Genesis 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. 16The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you **shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.**"

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the

field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" 2The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 3but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or **touch it**, or you will die.'" 4The serpent said to the woman, "You **surely will not die!** 5"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

- **Touch it :** Changing Gods Word and distorting his character
- **Surely will not die:** Complete denial of God's Word
- **Implication:** God is afraid He will decrease and you will increase
- They **did die spiritually** and began to **deteriorate physically**
- Man was **now separated** from God, Gods **Spirit not indwelling** them

Genesis 3:22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like **one of Us, knowing good and evil**; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—

- **One of Us:** Trinity
- **Knowing good and evil:** We now to choose what is right or wrong in **every** decision...not just one
- **Mercy:** Tree of life would have kept us in a sinful condition forever

Genesis 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. 2He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created. 3When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the **father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image**, and named him Seth.

- Still Gods image
- Now tainted with Adams likeness...Sinful Nature or...the flesh which **wars against the Spirit...Doeg!**
- **Even after we are saved**

Romans 7:18 (Read) For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the

good is not. 19For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. 20But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

21I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. 22For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, 23but I see a different law in the members of my body, **waging war** against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

- **War:** Doeg against all that is Holy

Flesh: Immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21envying, drunkenness, carousing,

Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control;

- **He tattles** on David and the Priest (Knowing what would happen)

12Saul said, "Listen now, son of Ahitub." And he answered, "Here I am, my lord." 13Saul then said to him, "Why have you and the son of Jesse conspired against me, in that you have given him bread and a sword and have inquired of God for him, so that he would **rise up against me** by lying in ambush as it is this day?" 14 Then Ahimelech answered the king and said, "And who among all your servants is as faithful as David, even the king's son-in-law, who is **captain over your guard**, and is honored in your house? 15"**Did I just begin to inquire of God for him today?** Far be it from me! Do not let the king impute anything to his servant or to any of the household of my father, for your servant knows nothing at all of this whole affair."

- Rise up against me: Who is after who?
- David is Captain over Saul's body guard
- This is usual for David...I don't know what's going on

16But the king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father's household!" 17And the king said to the guards who were attending him, "Turn around and put the priests of the LORD to death, because their hand also is with David and because they knew that he was fleeing and did not reveal it to me " But the servants of the king were not willing to put forth their hands to attack the priests of the LORD. **18Then the king said to Doeg**, "You turn around and attack the priests." And **Doeg the Edomite turned around and attacked**

the priests, and he killed that day eighty-five men who wore the linen ephod. 19And he struck Nob the city of the priests with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and infants; also oxen, donkeys, and sheep he struck with the edge of the sword.

- **"You turn..."** Saul was not willing himself (suicide bombers?)
- Saul and Doeg: Partners in the flesh (Nazis?)
- Saul is completely overcome by his flesh...seeing red (Edom)
- Bloodbath as the flesh rises up to fulfill its desire (destroy)
- Not unlike the end times when the Spirit will leave the earth
- Only the Spirit of God hold things together now and only God's Spirit restrains us

Colossian 1:17 He is before all things, and in Him **all things hold together**.

20But one son of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named **Abiathar**, **escaped** and fled after David. 21Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the priests of the LORD. 22Then David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. **I have brought about the death** of every person in your father's household. 23"Stay with me; **do not be afraid**, for he who seeks my life seeks your life, for you are safe with me."

- God **always** leaves a remnant
- David **takes responsibility** for not killing Doeg
- David as a **picture of Christ**: We have a common enemy and I have already won!

Romans 13: 11 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. 12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. **14But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.**

Conclusion: Practical Application

- **Don't** go where you may fall to sinful desires, don't look or think things that start the process. Your actions **hurt many!**
- Do...put the flesh to death by starving it!

- Do... "put on" Christ
- David said three things:
 1. **Stay with me:** Jesus wants us to abide in Him. Prayer, Word, and ...time...loving Him and being loved
 2. **Do not be afraid:** Trust Him. Do not worry about tomorrow. Perfect love casts out all fear!
 3. **You are safe with me:** I have already destroyed our common enemy...the devil. Walk with me and walk in victory (resurrection)

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**" [Reunited]

- Be who you were created to be!