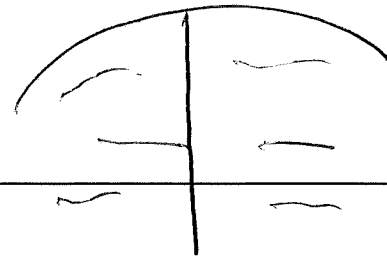


1 Samuel 21-22

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1. David fled to Ahimelech the Priest (1 Samuel 21:1-9)
 - A. David received _____ from Ahimelech.
 - B. Ahimelech gave David the "_____ of the presence" and the sword of _____.
 - C. David was reminded that God is our _____ in times of trouble.
2. David fled to King Achish of _____ (1 Samuel 21:10-15)
 - A. Achish knew David's _____.
 - B. David pretended to be _____ to fool Achish.
3. David fled to Adullam and Mizpah (1 Samuel 22:1-5)
 - A. David attracted a _____ at Adullam.
 - B. David appealed to the king of _____.
4. Saul _____ the priests of Nob (1 Samuel 22:6-23)
 - A. Doeg the Edomite, seeking _____ advantage, pointed to the priests at Nob.
 - B. Saul summoned Ahimelech and the priest of Nob and condemned them to _____.
 - C. Saul commissioned Doeg to _____ the priests and _____ the city of Nob.
 - D. Abiathar _____ to tell David what happened in Nob.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do we tend to run away from God in our times of need and not towards him?
2. What does allowance of David to eat the "bread of the presence" reveal

about the ethics and priorities of the priests, especially Ahimelech?

3. Do you think David's deception about his identity and intentions when he goes to Nob was justified? Why or why not? What ethical dilemmas does this situation raise?

4. What do you think about David's decision to seek refuge with Achish, the king of Gath, in 1 Samuel 21?

5. What can we learn from David's ability to think on his feet and act insane at Gath?

6. What do you make of the type of people David attracted when he fled to Adullam?

7. What development do you see in David's leadership during this time of crisis?