

CC OLD BC TESTAMENT SURVEY

1 SAMUEL PART 5 (chapters 22–31)

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COMING UP ... SEPT 3 NO CLASS (Labor Day) SEPT 10 Psalms SEPT 17 2 Sam part 1 (ch. 1–4) SEPT 24 2 Sam part 2 (ch. 5–6) OCT 1 2 Sam part 3 (ch. 7)

DESERT WITHIN THE PROMISED LAND >

WAITING FOR GOD TO ACT

David is in the desert of Judah
Circumstances have gone upside-down on him
He's gone from favorite to fugitive
He's carrying the responsibility to lead and provide for his
400-600 man "family"
He's definitely not where he thought he'd be
David will spend around 10 years in the desert waiting for God
to act



LESSON THEME: When God leads David into the desert, David has to wait for God to lead him out

What The Desert Can Produce

Godliness (David: 1 Sam 22–27, 29–30)

David obeys God's Word
Honored his parents
Honored the office of the king
Took appropriate, responsible action
Wouldn't murder Saul
He puts his faith in God's character
Sought God's counsel and will
Expressed his trust in God through psalms
He humbles himself before men
Received rebuke (Ps 141:5)
Took responsibility for his actions
Received God's mercy and grace
He's generous with God's provisions
Shared the spoils; gave gifts to others
He shows mercy to his persecutor
Showed Saul mercy; didn't take revenge
He remains courageously patient
Left revenge and reward with God

The Oasis Of En-Gedi



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He humbles himself before men

He's generous with God's provisions

He shows mercy to his persecutor

He remains courageously patient

He shows remarkable self-restraint

The deep character God grows in the desert

Dullness and defeat (Saul: 1 Sam 28, 31)

God is now silent toward Saul

Saul remains disobedient

Saul comes to a place of despair

Unprepared to lead, to fight or to die

Lost his army, his sons, his life and his honor

The Amalekites – the sin we tolerate is the one that'll bring attack us!

Beit She'an



APPLICATION: When God leads us into the desert, we have to wait for God to lead us out

Are You In The Desert?

Circumstances have gone upside-down on you for no self-induced reason?

Gone from favorite to fugitive with someone?

Been betrayed by a former friend or loved one who may still even want to hurt you?

In a place where it's tough just to scratch out a living right now?

Feel out of sight & out of mind ... or shelved?

What The Desert Can Produce

Godliness - James 1:2-4

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, [mature] needing nothing [or ready for anything].

What The Desert Requires

A change of perspective

From "How can I get out of this?"

To "What can I get out of this?"

Faith

Trust and obey God's Word

Trust God's goodness

Trust God's ways

Stay the course without scheming

It's God Who leads the godly out of the desert

Patience (Rom 12:12)

In prayer

In hope and joy

In mercy, humility and generosity

In self-restraint or self-control

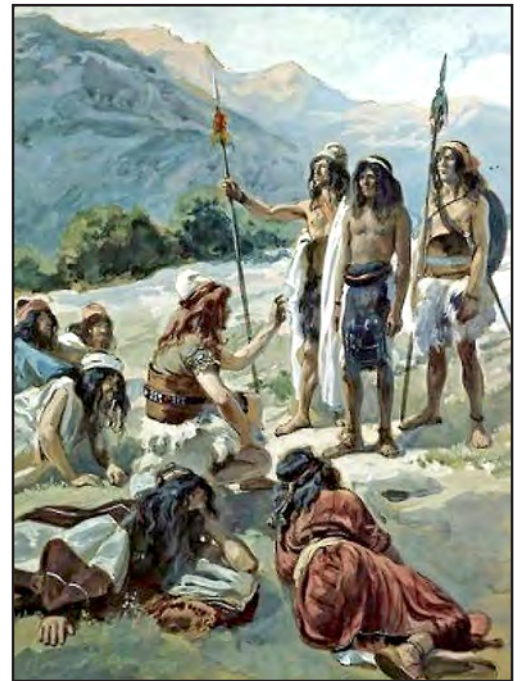
Obey God's Word and wait for Him to act

It takes faith AND patience to receive what God has promised

FOR NEXT TIME: _____



"David In the Wilderness of Ziph"
by James Tissot



"An Egyptian is Brought to David" by James Tissot



"Abigail Kneels Before David" by James Tissot



"Women of Ziklag Taken Into Captivity" by James Tissot



"Saul Commands Doeg to Slay the Priests"
by James Tissot



"Saul Falls Upon His Sword"
by James Tissot



"David and Saul in the Cave" by James Tissot



"Saul and the Witch of Endor" by James Tissot



"David Takes Saul's Spear and Water Bottle" by James Tissot



"David Cuts the Skirt of Saul" by James Tissot

THE LIFE OF DAVID VERSUS THE LIFE OF SAUL

David

David was God's kind of king (2 Sam 7:8-16)

David was a man after God's heart (Acts 13:22)

David's kingship was eternal (through Jesus) (2 Sam 7:29)

David was kind and benevolent (2 Sam 9; 1 Chr 19:2)

David was forgiving (1 Sam 26)

David repented (2 Sam 12:13; 24:10)

David was courageous (1 Sam 17; 1 Chr 18)

David was at peace with God (Ps 4:8; 37:11)

Saul

Saul was man's kind of king (1 Sam 10:23, 24)

Saul was a man after people's praise (1 Sam 18:6-8)

Saul's kingship was rejected (1 Sam 15:23)

Saul was cruel (1 Sam 20:30-34; 22:11-19)

Saul was unforgiving (1 Sam 14:44; 18:9)

When confronted, Saul lied (1 Sam 15:10-31)

Saul was fearful (1 Sam 17:11; 18:12)

Saul was separated from God (1 Sam 16:14)

