

The Story

1 Samuel 21:1-6

The king-elect will have to endure some time as the king-exiled.

David flees to Nob and lies to Ahimelech the priest so that he can receive provision.

How to make sense of David's lie

1. Although David is anointed as king by God, this does not make him sinless
2. We will see later that there are consequences to this lie
3. God's provision despite David's sin doesn't teach us to freely sin, but it should first propel us to thanksgiving and worship that God doesn't give to us what we deserve

1 Samuel 21:7

Doeg the Edomite is an ominous foreshadowing of what will happen in the next chapter

1 Samuel 21:8-9

David asks for a weapon and is given the sword of Goliath, whom he has defeated in the Valley of Elah. David is now provided for both food and protection.

1 Samuel 21:10-15

David flees to the enemy territory of Gath, and is recognized by Achish's (king of Gath) servants. To try and preserve his life, David will act crazy so that the Achish may pity him and let him go

The Glory

1. God is the God of *Provision*

1. Physical Need – the Bread of the Presence and also the sword for protection
2. Emotional Need – the sword of Goliath which reminds David of God's past faithfulness and deliverance
3. Spiritual Need – David's wrongdoings are atoned for through Jesus Christ

Application Question: The sword of Goliath reminds David of God's faithfulness in the past so that future trust in God could be propelled. What are some recent events of God's faithfulness that you can bring to your attention right now to be reminded how God has been faithful? If willing, share with the group for mutual encouragement.

2. God is the God of *Providence*

1. David's time at Nob is used to glorify God in Matthew 12
2. God can use the seemingly hopeless for his glorious purposes
3. No matter how evil and broken the situation may look, we know that God can occasion it for glory because nothing is as evil as the murder of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and God planned and occasioned this for the glorious work of salvation for the world.

Application Question: Are there areas in your life where you are struggling to find meaning? Let this be a time of sharing our struggles as a prayer request with your CG. Let's ask the Lord that we would be able to see his fingerprints in what he is doing in our lives.

3. God will receive glory through our *Peculiar Worship*

1. David's "crazy" act wasn't just a low point in his life, it led to the penning of Psalm 34 – worship and praise came about because of this "peculiar" situation
2. This is a peculiar season for us, our time here on Earth, it won't be like this when we are in heaven - there is a peculiar obedience, peculiar worship, peculiar struggle that we can only give to Him here on Earth.
3. Nothing is wasted. Everything has meaning. There is a reason for your season.

Application Question: We learned that in heaven, it will be our natural instinct to worship and adore Christ for our deep gladness. However, often times this is not the case here on Earth. We struggle to love God more than our plans, material gain, relationships, our misc. idols. What are some strategies, a game plan that we can form in our lives so that we would make our lives more centered around Christ? How can our CG help aid in this plan?