



Life of

DAVID

The Making of a King

Waiting in the Wilderness

1 Samuel 24

Lesson 7

Background Information

While David waited in the wilderness his heart was being tested and purified, iron was being put into his soul. He was learning to wait on God and lead with integrity. He looked out for the needs of those God sent to him, and depend on his deepest friendships to *strengthen his hand in God*. Learning to deal with Saul was actually helping David prepare to rule God's kingdom.

Everyone interprets circumstances differently, depending on what they have in their hearts. David's men saw the circumstances they found themselves in as a chance to accomplish God's will in their own time and way. David saw the same circumstance as an opportunity to show Saul that he meant him no harm. David's conscience was tender toward the Lord and established in His ways. His heart revealed that God alone was judge and He would accomplish His will in His time and His way. While he waited, he fled to the *Rock of Escape* as his stronghold. Psalm 54 was recorded during his time of fleeing into the wilderness, to escape being captured by Saul.

Treasures of the Heart

Therefore, let the Lord be judge, and judge between you and me, and see and plead my case, and deliver me out of your hand." 1 Samuel 24:15



What does it mean?

What lesson can I draw from my observations? **Ask yourself, “What was the intended meaning of the original author?”** Is there a command to obey, or a warning to heed? An example to follow or avoid? **State each lesson in a simple sentence that you could share with someone else.** (aim for 10 words or less).

1 Samuel 24:1-7 _____

1 Samuel 24:8-15 _____

1 Samuel 24:16-22 _____



How can I apply it?

Ask yourself, “What course of action do I need to take to apply each lesson?” How should it change me? What does it challenge me to do? Does it point out error in my attitude or actions? (aim for 10 words or less)

1 Samuel 24:1-7 _____

1 Samuel 24:8-15 _____

1 Samuel 24:16-22 _____

Challenge: Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.



Understanding the Heart . . .

See if you can discover the **heart attitude** of those in the story. What emotions are they dealing with? What is God teaching them? How do they respond? How should they respond?

The Heart of David:

The Heart of the people:

The Heart of God:

What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.



Getting The Point

See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

1 Samuel 24:1-7 _____

1 Samuel 24:8-15 _____

1 Samuel 24:16-22 _____

Title State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

Flex Your Muscles Can you discover an N.T. example of this O.T. truth?

Radiating His Truth . . .

A sensitive conscience is a great treasure and a valuable guide. -

Warren Wiersbe

