

## *A HEART FOR GOD*

### LEARNING FROM THE LIFE AND POETRY OF DAVID, part 1

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1. Read 1 Samuel 21:1–9. What events precede David’s flight to Nob? (See 1 Samuel 20:30–33.)
2. David has been anointed as God’s choice for king, but Saul, the rejected king, still sits on the throne. Judgment has been pronounced on King Saul because of his pride and disobedience, yet for the time being he still reigns. Of what is this a picture? (See Colossians 2:15 and Revelation 11:15.)
3. David lies to the priest about the reason for his visit. What is the real reason for David’s visit?
4. Describe Ahimelech’s response to David’s requests. Read Matthew 12:1–8 and explain why Jesus applauds the priest for his actions. (Who is Jesus addressing and what’s his point?)
5. Read 1 Samuel 21:10–15 and 22:1–23. Why is David afraid of the king of Gath? (1 Samuel 17:4) What does he do to protect himself against further threats on his life?
6. What types of people gather around David? (1 Samuel 22:2) Why do you think they are drawn to him? How would leading this group prepare David to rule his kingdom?
7. How are the types of people drawn to David similar to the types drawn to Jesus? (Matthew 9:10–13) Think about yourself: what drew you to Jesus?

8. The jealousy that Saul harbored in his heart against David (1 Samuel 18:9) has morphed into something dreadful. How does this sin express itself in this week's passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What does Jesus teach about the human heart? (Matthew 15:17-20) What has been your own experience with a heart sin you tried to ignore or perhaps didn't even notice you had?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Read Psalm 34. David eludes danger again and again. In this psalm to what does David attribute his safety?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. In verses 1-10, what words does David use to express his feelings toward God? What benefits come to those who seek God's help?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What do you think it means to "taste and see that the Lord is good" (vs. 8)? Ask God to increase your ability to "taste and see" that he is with you and that he is good.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What is a righteous person like? How does God help the righteous person? (vss. 11-22) How can you become righteous? (Romans 3:10, 21-24)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. How can the goodness of God be a means of strength in the problems that you face?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. "Fear of the Lord" involves respecting him and submitting to him. What temptations are you facing? How can learning to fear the Lord help you to act and think righteously?