

# “Through the Bible: I Samuel 23-26”

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## I. Saul Continues to Pursue David; Saul Becomes Distracted (I Sam. 23)

- A. David “\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_” (I Sam. 23:2) as to whether he should battle against the \_\_\_\_\_ in the city of Keilah. The answer was yes, and David and his men “brought away their cattle, and smote them with a \_\_\_\_\_ slaughter” (I Sam. 23:5).
- B. Once Saul was told about David’s victory in Keilah, what was his immediate thought (I Sam. 23:7-8)? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. As “David knew that Saul \_\_\_\_\_ practiced \_\_\_\_\_ against him,” (I Sam. 23:9) he once again turned to God for answers to his questions. Make a note of each below.
1. I Sam. 23:11 \_\_\_\_\_
  2. I Sam. 23:12 \_\_\_\_\_
- D. “Saul sought him \_\_\_\_\_ day, but God \_\_\_\_\_ him not into his hand” (I Sam. 23:14).
- E. Who comes to reassure David in I Sam. 23:16-18, and what message did he bring? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. I Sam. 23:19-26 details Saul’s chasing and David’s hiding. However, what occurred during Saul’s time of distraction (I Sam. 23:27-28)? \_\_\_\_\_

## II. David and Saul Have a Meeting; David Finds a New Wife (I Sam. 24-25)

- A. Unbelievably, David and Saul find themselves in the same \_\_\_\_\_ near En-gedi (I Sam. 24:1-3). David’s men say, “Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will \_\_\_\_\_ thine enemy into thine hand, that thou \_\_\_\_\_ do to him as it shall seem \_\_\_\_\_ unto thee” (I Sam. 24:4).
- B. Read I Sam. 24:4-15 and respond to the following questions.
1. What did David do to Saul in the cave (I Sam. 24:4)? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Nearly immediately, “David’s \_\_\_\_\_ smote him” (I Sam. 24:5).
  3. David captured Saul’s attention and spoke with him. What was David’s main message to the king? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Saul remarked “Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me \_\_\_\_\_, whereas I have rewarded thee \_\_\_\_\_” (I Sam. 24:17).

D. I Sam. 25 tells of the death of \_\_\_\_\_. It also features the account of David, Nabal and Abigail. As you read through this chapter, reply to the questions below.

1. How were Nabal and Abigail described in I Sam. 25:3?

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2. What request did David make of Nabal, and how did Nabal respond (I Sam. 25:5-11)?

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3. As Abigail learned of Nabal's poor treatment of David and his men, how did she respond in I Sam. 25:18?

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4. Abigail made an emotional speech to David, to which he said, "\_\_\_\_\_ be the LORD God of Israel, which \_\_\_\_\_ thee this day to meet me" (I Sam. 25:32).

5. In time, the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Nabal, that he \_\_\_\_\_ (I Sam. 25:38) and David took Abigail to be his \_\_\_\_\_ (I Sam. 25:42).

### III. Saul Resumes His Chase of David (I Sam. 26)

A. Once again, with the aid of \_\_\_\_\_ men, Saul chased David (I Sam. 26:2). However, "David therefore sent out \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ that Saul was come in very deed" (I Sam. 26:4).

B. Once more, David found himself near Saul. Ponder these questions.

1. Who came with David? What did this fellow say as they neared Saul? What time of day did they undertake this raid (I Sam. 26:7-8)?

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2. What did David take from Saul (I Sam. 26:12)?

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3. From a distance, David called to Abner. What message did David have for this individual (I Sam. 26:14-16)?

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4. Saul recognized David's voice. What questions did David pose to Saul (I Sam. 26:18)?

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5. David comments to Saul, "the king of Israel is come out to seek a \_\_\_\_\_, as when one doth hunt a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_" (I Sam. 26:20).

6. What two confessions did Saul make in I Sam. 26:21?

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7. Saul pronounced, "Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do \_\_\_\_\_ things, and also shalt still \_\_\_\_\_" (I Sam. 26:25).