

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF 1 SAMUEL

[PART 41]
**DAVID - WARTS
AND ALL**

Reading: 1 Samuel 21:1 - 9

Introduction

- Oliver Cromwell insisted his portrait should portray him, '**warts and all**'.
- In this 21st chapter unfortunately we see David, '**warts and all**'.
- David does not cover himself in glory in this chapter.
- We need to remember the chapters of our own lives where we didn't cover ourselves in glory. [Matthew 5:1 - 2].

1 A Desperate Man And Desperate Things

- This is a desperate man and the actions of a desperate man.
- He's running out of places to run that he deems safe.
- [Vs 1] He goes to '**Nob**' the city of the priests and now the location of the tabernacle.
- He goes to where the house of the Lord is.
- When in crisis this is the place to make a beeline for. [Psalm 73:17].
- Ahimelech is the great grandson of Eli from [chapters 3 and 4].

2 David's Bare-faced Lie

- Ahimelech smells a rat at David's strange presence and questions him.
- David feels he is in a corner, panics and gives a false explanation for his presence. [vs 2]

- Consider [Exodus 20:16] and [Ephesians 4:25].
- This lie was to cost the life of Ahimelech and some 84 other men.

3 The Bread Of The Priests

- Ahimelech offers David the showbread which had just been replaced on the table of showbread in the Holy Place.
- Jesus refers to this narrative in [Matthew 12: 3 - 4].
- The holy bread becomes David's daily bread that God supplies us all with each day.

4 Goliath's Sword

- David has no sword and the only one available to David is the sword of Goliath kept at the tabernacle as a trophy.
- In David's opinion, '**there was none like it**'
- There is a sword available to every child of God and there is '**none like it**' either.
- [Ephesians 6:17], [Hebrews 4:12], [Psalm 119:105] and [Joshua 1:8].

5 Closing Thoughts

- Notice the absence of David praying in the chapter.
- If he'd prayed he would not have panicked.
- Notice David isn't '**backsliding**' in the face of these trials.
- He has authentic salvation - that's the one which includes the essential ingredient of perseverance.

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