

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF 1 SAMUEL

[PART 42]

DAVID - THE MAD MAN

Reading: **1 Samuel 21:10 - 15**

Introduction

- In [Ch 17] David is our hero and makes us proud.
- In [Ch 21] he disappoints us and lets us down.
- We realise that our hero has feet of clay.
- He's in a panic. He's on the run. He's desperate.
- In the 2nd half of the chapter he blots his copybook even further.

1 “...For Fear...”

- There is a difference in the translation of [vs 10] between versions.
- The AV inserts the phrase '**for fear**'
- **Fear:** *'an unpleasant emotion caused by the threat of danger, pain or harm'*
- It is used in the Bible some 404 times.
- There is no record of '**fear**' prior to '**the Fall**'. It's a consequence of humanity's sin.
- There is a fear that is good. [Proverbs 1:7]
- The other fear is to be overcome.
- Consider: [2 Timothy 1:7] '**fear**' is a spirit.
- Consider also [Psalm 34:4], [Psalm 56:3], [Isaiah 41:10], [Psalm 23:4].
- Overcoming fear is through developing a consciousness of God's presence. (Immanuel).
- When you are afraid, you often act out of character.

2 David Went To The World/Ungodly For Help [Vs 10]

- David went over the border into enemy territory.
- He sought sanctuary amongst the godly.
- Be careful who you go to for help when you are in trouble.
- David is quickly identified in Gath.
- The Philistines even acknowledged David as the future king of Israel.
- David feared they were going to kill him.

3 David, The Actor

- David pretended he was having a fit, that he was like one possessed.
- In [Ch 18] 4 times we read of David behaving wisely. This time he behaves most unwisely. [vs 13].
- David played the part. He acted. He should have received an Oscar.
- A hypocrite is an actor.
- The word '**hypocrite**' is used 31 times in the Bible.
- **Lesson:** Be what you really are. Don't pretend/act to be someone you're not.
- BE REAL.

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