

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF 1 SAMUEL

[Part 43]

DAVID 'HOOD' AND HIS MERRY MEN

Reading: **1 Samuel 22: 1 – 5**

Introduction

- David is now *'Wanted! Dead Or Alive.'*
- He is now hunted, running, yet he is still God's man.

1 The Caves Of Adullam

- David wrote Psalm 57 and 142 whilst at Adullam
- Adullam was/is actually a large cave system.
- Adullam means *'retreat'* or *'refuge.'*
- It is located in the foothills of Judah in a buffer zone between Israel and the Philistines.
- David would spend some 9 months here.
- God makes his men in the strangest of places.
- This is another of God's appointments for David. [Psalm 37:23].

2 The Tenants At Adullam

- His family also at risk from Saul join him at Adullam.
- This included his elderly parents, Jesse and his mother.
- Jewish Talmud says her name was *'Nitzevet.'*
- David refers to her as the Lord's *'maidservant'* in Psalm 86 & 116.
- David secured their asylum with the king of Moab east of the Dead Sea.
- **NB.** David had Moabite blood in his veins from Ruth, his great grandmother.

- This was David honouring his parents. [Exodus 20:12].
- David's 7 bothers also came to Adullam.
- Also his 2 sisters (Zuriah and Abigail) + their children.
- Those who are '*in distress, debt or discontent*' also join him.
- They number some 400 but that later climbs to 600 in [1Samuel 30].
- David became '*a captain*' over them.
- David's '*private army*' became the defence of the nation.
- This was 1Samuel's '*Robin Hood And His Merry Men.*'

3 Can Whitewell Become A Cave Of Adullam?

- Over the years our church has been a cave of Adullam.
- God has brought in every type and sort.
- They were saved, justified and sanctified and destined for glory.

4 The Captain Of Our Salvation

- This incident is a type of Christ and His salvation.
- In [Hebrews 2:10] Jesus is called, '*the captain of our salvation.*'
- Jesus too had to '*rough it.*' [Matthew 8:20].
- It was the ordinary/common people who rallied to Him. [Mark 12:37].
- His first followers were the despised and reject. (fishermen, tax collectors and sinners.)
- That's who gathered in the '*Upper Room*' to form the first church. [1Corinthians 1:26 -28].
- Just as David was despised by many, so too is Christ today.
- It would be 10 years till David would be crowned king but those who stuck with him saw his coronation.
- The Christian life may at times be tough, but stick with Jesus and you too will be at His coronation.