

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF 1 SAMUEL

[PART 45] THE SURVIVORS

Reading: 1 Samuel 22:17 - 23

Introduction

- Despite being God's '**anointed**' David is on the run from the murderous king Saul.
- David and his band of '**merry men**' are hiding.
- This passage shows Saul at his worse and the depths of depravity lurking in the human heart.
- Saul orders a bloodbath and '**Doeg the Edomite**' grants Saul's request.

1 Abiathar - A Survivor

- The high priest is slain and every other priest but Abiathar, a son of Ahimelech manages to hide.
- God sees to it that His work/purpose will survive.
- God always sees to it that a remnant survives.

2 Other Survivors Who Ensured God's Plans Succeeded

- Moses was a survivor at the hands of the Pharaoh when the decree to kill the Hebrew boys was made.
- He returned to destroy Egypt and deliver the people of God.
- Elijah survived the tyranny of king Ahab and queen Jezebel. Even when Elijah feared he alone was left, God told him of many other survivors. [1 Kings 19:4, 10, 18].

- In [2 Kings 11] the wicked queen mother Athaliah seized the throne and killed the heirs to the throne.
- A baby prince by name of Joash survived and was hidden in the temple with his nurse for 6 years.
- Nebuchadnezzar killed the male heirs to the Davidic throne but at least 2 princesses survived.
- Hebrew law stated that if there was no male heir the right of inheritance passed to any female.
- Jeremiah took '**the kings daughters**' to Egypt and the royal line continued through them. [Jeremiah 41:10/43:6-7].
- The Lord Jesus Christ will yet sit on that throne. [Luke 1:32-33].
- The Lord Jesus was a '**survivor**' of Herod's murderous plans in the nativity record.
- He further survived the jaws of death and lives forevermore.
- **NB.** In every age God has his survivors ensuring His church is built and the gates of hell do not prevail.

3 The Promise Of David To Abiathar [Vs 23]

- David is a beautiful type of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- David's promise to Abiathar is Christ's promise to you and I.
- "**Stay with me....**" Christ wants our company.
- "**Do not fear....**" Do not be afraid of persons or situations who would threaten us.
- "**For he who seeks My life seeks your life.**" Just as Satan sought Christ's life, he seeks ours.
- "**But with Me you shall be safe.**" Just as David was guarantor for Abiathar so Christ is guarantor for us.

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