

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF

1 SAMUEL

[PART 56]
**DAVID IN
THE DUMPS**

Reading: 1 Samuel 27:1 - 4

Introduction

- We've seen David in the valley and in the palace, now we see him in the dumps.
- David is approximately 27/28 years old.
- He's cast down. He's deflated.
- Satan wants to see God's people in the dumps.

1 David Talking To Himself

- [Vs 1] David is talking to himself.
- This is '**soul talk.**' (See Luke 12:19).

2 False Propaganda

- You must be careful what you speak to your heart.
- What you say to the centre of you will direct your ways.
- "***I shall now perish...***" (Perish) is from Hebrew '**sapah**' meaning '**to be swept away.**'
- See [26:10]. What David believed about Saul, he now believes about himself.
- On the basis of that bad propaganda David decides to leave Israel.

3 The Hand Of Saul

- In [vs 1] David mentions Saul's hand twice.
- He ought to have been focusing on God's hands.
- Consider [Psalm 31:15], [2 Samuel 24:6], [John 10:28] and [Isaiah 49:16].

4 Forgetting God's Promises

- David had forgotten God's promise to Him or had He doubted it?
- God is not a man that He should lie.
- That promise was re-iterated by prince Jonathan to him, [23:17].
- It was even confirmed by Saul [24:20].
- When you're in the dumps remind yourself of God's promises to you.
- [Matthew 28:20], [Romans 8:37], [Psalm 91:9 - 11], [Romans 16:20], [John 14:3].

5 An Absence Of God

- In this short chapter David doesn't pray or worship or talk about God.
- David's heart is cold/indifferent to Him.
- When you're in the dumps/doldrums, you need to do 2 things.
- Run to God: [Psalm 61: 1 - 3].
- Do some positive Soul Talk: [Psalm 42:5].

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