

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF

1 SAMUEL

[PART 57]
**OVER THE
BOARDER**

Reading: 1 Samuel 27:1 - 7

Introduction

- David despairs that one day he will fall into the hand of Saul.
- He doesn't realise he is 16 months away from being crowned king.
- He resolves to flee for asylum of all places into the land of the Philistines.
- The land of false gods and temples and godlessness.
- David is courting **'the world'**
- If we would be saved we **MUST** overcome **'the world, the flesh and the devil'**

1 The World - What Says The Scriptures?

- Consider the following important texts. [Matthew 13:22], [John 15:19], [John 16:33], [John 17:16/16], [John 18:36], [Romans 12:2], [1 Corinthians 2:12], [2 Corinthians 6:17], [Galatians 1:4], [Ephesians 2:1 - 2], [2 Timothy 4:10], [James 1:22], [James 4:4], [1 John 2:15 - 17].

2 Definition Of 'The World'

- The word **'world'** occurs 287 times in the Bible and its used in different senses.
- The planet we live on with its land masses and oceans etc.
- It can means the population/people's living on the planet of the world.

- Many times it is translated from the word '***kosmos***' which means this earthly system/ways of the world.
- The worlds ideologies and false ways of thinking.
- It means places that promote a lifestyle of sin and disobedience to God. (immorality/drunkenness).
- There are clearly places Jesus would go and neither should His followers.

3 Separation From The World

- Key text: [Corinthians 6:17]. '***Be you separate!***
- Only eternity will reveal the casualty rate caused by '***the world!***
- The doctrine of separation is part of the believer's sanctification.
- What must I do to be saved has been replaced with '***what can I get away with and still be saved?***

4 Separation Sometimes Includes Human Friendships

- David lived for 1 year and 4 months '***over the boarder!***
- In [vs 5] he is seeking the favour of an ungodly/worldly man - Achish.
- Do we seek the favour of God or the favour of the world?
- All the time David was over the boarder he didn't pray/worship.
- He was being spiritually choked/strangled.
- Is your company the ungodly? [1 Corinthians 15:33].
- JC Ryle: '***If they will not join us on the narrow road we should not join them on the broad road!***
- In the rest of [Ch 27] David was killing and lying.
- "***Come you out from among them and be you separate, says the Lord!***"

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