

# MARCH 28

## Read 1 Samuel 22–23

### CHAPTER 22

**D**AVID therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard *it*, they went down thither to him.

2 And every one *that was* in distress, and every one *that was* in debt, and every one *that was* discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

3 ¶ And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, *and be* with you, till I know what God will do for me.

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.

5 ¶ And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

6 ¶ When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that *were* with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants *were* standing about him;)

7 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, *and* make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds;

8 That all of you have conspired against me, and *there is* none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and *there is* none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

9 ¶ Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

10 And he enquired of the LORD

for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that *were* in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I *am*, my lord.

13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who *is so* faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

15 Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute *any* thing unto his servant, *nor* to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more.

16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.

17 ¶ And the king said unto the

footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also *is* with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.

18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.

19 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

20 ¶ And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David.

21 And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the LORD'S priests.

22 And David said unto Abiathar, I knew *it* that day, when Doeg the Edomite *was* there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned *the death* of all the persons of thy father's house.

23 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou *shalt be* in safeguard.

### CHAPTER 23

**T**HEN they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors.

2 Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.

3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?

4 Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, *that* he came down *with* an ephod in his hand.

7 ¶ And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.

8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

9 ¶ And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod.

10 Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down.

12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver *thee* up.

13 ¶ Then David and his men, *which were* about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could

go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbare to go forth.

14. And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David *was* in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

16 ¶ And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.

18 And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 ¶ Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* on the south of Jeshimon?

20 Now therefore, O king, come

down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part *shall be* to deliver him into the king's hand.

21 And Saul said, Blessed *be ye* of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me.

22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, *and* who hath seen him there: for it is told me *that* he dealeth very subtilly.

23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men *were* in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

25 Saul also and his men went to seek *him*. And they told David: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard *that*, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.

26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his

men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.

27 ¶ But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Sela-hammahlekoth.

29 ¶ And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at Engedi.

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## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

David is now completely separated from Saul's court and is considered an outlaw and a rebel. Psalm 34 grew out of his narrow escape from Achish and perhaps best expresses David's trials and triumphs during his exile period.

David assembled a loyal band of followers at the Cave of Adullam, a crowd of 400 men that eventually grew to 600. His experiences in the cave are found in Psalm 57 and Psalm 142. David would want to protect his brethren, since Saul might want to slay them as well as David.

This period of persecution in David's life was a part of his preparation for the throne. He was a great soldier, but he needed to suffer in the wilderness to learn not to trust men and how to trust the Lord. All of us need wilderness testings to bring us closer to the Lord, and to make us better equipped to serve Him.

It was important that David live, for it was he who would deliver Israel, establish the kingdom in glory, and become the father of Christ in the flesh. Satan used Saul to seek to kill David, but God was too strong for the enemy. As long as David sought the mind of the Lord, God gave him protection and victory.

In chapter 23 we see how God guarded David's life and gave him victory at Keilah (verses 1-13), victory in the wilderness (verses 14-18), and victory over the Ziphites (verses 19-29).

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 13:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**JOHN ARDOIN**

## HYMN FOR TODAY

**WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER**

**Words and Music by James M. Black,  
1856-1938**

The calm assurance of a future heavenly home is one of the greatest blessings for every Christian. It has been said that only those with an absolute confidence in their hereafter truly know to live victoriously in this life. Having a personal relationship with Christ means that we need have no fear that we will not hear "the trumpet call of God," whether we are still alive or asleep in Jesus.

James M. Black was an active Methodist layman, a music teacher, and a composer and publisher of numerous gospel songs. He related this experience:

"While a teacher in the Sunday school and president of a young people's society, I one day met a girl, 14 years old, poorly clad and a child of a drunkard. She accepted my invitation to attend the Sunday school and join the young people's society. One evening at a consecration meeting, when members answered the roll call by repeating Scripture texts, she failed to respond. I spoke of what a sad thing it would be when our names are called from the Lamb's Book of Life, if one of us should be absent. When I reached my home, my wife saw that I was deeply troubled. Then the words in the first stanza came to me in full. In fifteen minutes more, I had composed the other two verses. Going to the piano, I played the

music just as it is found today in the hymnbooks.”

The subsequent death of the missing girl from pneumonia, after an illness of just 10 days, furnished the dramatic finale to this account and gives a poignancy to the “roll call” song. Since its publication in 1894, this simply worded gospel song with its rather ordinary music has captured the hearts of innumerable believers. These sincere expressions have provided Christians with a singable vehicle of praise for the glorious future that still awaits them.

*When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more,  
and the morning breaks eternal bright and fair—  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
and the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.*

*On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise  
and the glory of His resurrection share—  
When the chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,  
and the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.*

*Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun.*

*Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;  
then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done,  
and the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.*

**Chorus:**

*When the roll is called up yonder,  
when the roll is called up yonder,  
when the roll is called up yonder—  
when the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.*

**ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

**1895**

**THE BIRTHDAY OF CHRISTIAN HERTER, FORMERLY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.**

**1895**

**THE FIRST UNITED STATES SUBWAY WAS OPENED IN BOSTON.**

This calls to our attention the tremendous advances that have been made in transportation in our generation. I am remembering the hundreds of thousands of miles I have traveled in my car across this country. I must thank God for the miracle of the automobile and other means of conveyance. How I thank God for the airplane, the train, the bus, the car, and yes, the subway which makes it possible to get so much more done for God which couldn't be done without these aids.

**1969**

**DEATH OF DWIGHT EISENHOWER.**

**ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1799**

**NEW YORK STATE ABOLISHED SLAVERY.**

**1804**

**OHIO PASSED A LAW RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF BLACKS.**

**1968**

**RACE RIOT IN MEMPHIS, TENN.** interrupted protest march led by Martin Luther King Jr. in support of striking sanitation workers. National Guard called up.

# THE STORY OF THE PSALMS

## Psalm 26

**AUTHOR:** David.

### **THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:**

David has now brought the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem. How happy he is! How sweet were his shouts! How joyful was his dancing around the ark as it came back to its home! In appreciation to God and in gratitude for God's blessings in allowing the ark to return to Jerusalem, David goes to the altar to offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving. Notice verse 6-8. In verse 6 he approaches the altar. In verse 7 he tells why he is offering the sacrifice, and in verse 8 he rejoices because of his love for the house of God and, no doubt, because of his happiness in that the ark is back. David first prayed that the ark would return. He then put feet to his prayers and worked to bring about its return. He then rejoiced and praised God when it returned, and now he remembers to be thankful because it has returned. The house of God was just not the same without the ark of the covenant because over that ark rested the shekinah glory which was symbolic of God's presence and power with His people

This turns our attention back to the time when the ark of the covenant left Israel. The Philistines noticed that there was a power that rested upon this ark and that God's blessings always accompanied its presence. Thinking that it would help them also, they captured the ark and took it to their own land. It caused them nothing but trouble because they were not God's people, and they were glad to have it brought back. 'Twas a sad day in the life of Israel when the ark left. Eli was the high priest. He was an aged man. One of his son's wives was expecting a baby. When Eli found that the ark had gone, he did not want to live. He fell, broke his neck and died. His son's wife went into premature labor and brought forth a son whose name was Ichabod, which means, "the glory has departed." 'Tis a sad time in the life of the house of God when the glory has departed More than we need carpet, more than we need chandeliers, more than we need buildings, more than we need padded pews, more

than we need an educated clergy, more than we need money, do we need the power and glory of God! Oh, think of the churches across the land over whose doors could be written, "Ichabod," the glory has departed. Once there was a breath of God. Once there was the power of the Holy Spirit, but now gone maybe forever is this glory. How we should pray for our churches that the freshness of the dew of Heaven will rest upon pulpit and the pew!

The old country preacher in the South was praying, "Dear Lord, give me the unction, give me the unction, give me the unction."

Someone came and said, "Reverend, what is the unction?"

The old preacher cried, "I don't know what it is, but I know what it ain't!"

Oh, for the breath of God that Moody received on Wall Street that day! Oh, for the power of God that Wesley received after an all-night prayer meeting with 60 other preachers! Oh, for the breath of Heaven that came on George Whitefield when he was ordained and Bishop Benson laid his hands of dedication upon him! Oh, for the power of God that settled on Savonarola as he waited in his pulpit five hours refusing to preach! Oh, for the power of God that came upon Billy Sunday, Charles G. Finney and Jonathan Edwards and the other mighty men of God! Let us pray that "Ichabod" will not be written over the doors of our churches and that those who have that sad history will somehow bring the ark back to the house of God and the power of God shall rest once again upon the preacher and people, and the altar shall be filled with sinners and the cry of newborn babes coming to Christ!

### **THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:**

The Jews would use this Psalm before offering a sacrifice. They would also use it before coming to the house of God. As they would come to the house of God, they would turn to this Psalm and read it and sing it.

# The Treasure Path to Soul Winning

**MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS:**

## **THE NEW CONVERT'S RESPONSIBILITY**

(Assignment 13)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV.com page.)

### **Be identified with his Lord in Baptism.**

( ) Romans 6:4 (Acts 8:36; 16:33)

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

### **Attend the Lord's house every Lord's day.**

( ) Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

### **Tell what great things the Lord hath done.**

( ) Mark 5:19

Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

### **Like Andrew, bring nearest kin to Jesus.**

( ) John 1:41 (John 1:40, 42)

He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

### **Diligently study to meet new Master's approval.**

( ) 2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.