

David At Keilah

I Samuel 23:1-5 “Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors. 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. 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? 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. 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.”

I. Keilah – A border town next to Philistine territory.

- A. It was being robbed on a Sabbath by Philistines who were taking all their grain
- B. A robber on the Sabbath requires a response – so David responded
- C. God told David to respond – **First Response**

II. Abiathar

- A. Son of Ahimelech – the High Priest killed at Nob
- B. Escapes to Keilah with the Ephod
 - 1. The breastplate of the High Priest
- C. Keilah was a wall – city
- D. Ask Abiathar – to put on the Ephod and David inquired of God
 - 1. Will the men of Keilah betray me to Saul?
 - 2. Will Saul come to Keilah?
- E. God responds to both questions with a **“Yes” 2nd and 3rd Responses**
- F. **First Principle for Life** = God knows the tactic of your enemy and will inform you to protect your movement.
- G. **Second Principle for Life** = The Spirit of God is ahead of all traps, trickery, and plots to protect the righteous.

III. Jonathan visits David

I Samuel 23: 16-18 *“And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. 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. And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.”*

- A. Jonathan wanted to reign with David
- B. **Third Principle for Life** = Jonathan did not suffer with David, so he could not reign.
- C. What you suffer for will make you great as an overcomer
- D. **Fourth Principle for Life** = What you Honor in life will give you access
 - 1. Jonathan honors Saul first and died with him.