

Forgetting the Promises of God in the Darkness of Night

27:1

David's self talk and what he believes is critical. What do you tell yourself? "One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul." Is that what God said? Is that what Abigail said? Is that what Jonathan said? Paul was among the number of people who "gave up all hope of being saved," Acts 27:20 (cf. 23:11). It is so very easy in the storms of life to forget the promises of God and listen to defeating "self-talk."

BASIS OF DECISION

In 1 24 and 26, David made decisions based upon principle, not opportunity. Here he appears to make a decision based upon circumstances and results. It worked, so it must have been right.

Dark Days of David

He aligned his army with Achish, 1 Sam 27:2

David had been there before, 1 Sam 21:10ff

Why?

David and his army had been fugitives for years.

Families not safe

Food not certain

Fleeing constantly

Caves, wilderness

Constant threat of life

Relief from Saul, 27:1

Safety and presence of families, 27:3

How?

Achish knew David and Saul were enemies.

6-8 years have passed since David defeated Goliath.

How could David do this?

What God (Samuel) told him

1 Sam 16:13

What Jonathan told him

23:17

What Abigail told him

25:30

What Saul told him

24:20, 25:25

What David told himself

27:1: "I will be swept away by Saul."

Clinical Theology

What you say and espouse in church in the comfort of the worship service.

Life Theology

What you live and behave the other 6 days of the week in the crunch of the journey.

What you actually believe

If only...

One of these days...

He did not "inquire of the Lord"

Samuel was dead (25:1; 27:3)

He did lie to Achish

27:5

27:8-11

This text is sympathetic to David's difficulty, yet presents him as wrong.¹

David should have taken hope in God's provision and protection in chapter 17-26.

Yet, in the storms of life it is easy to forget the promises and provisions of God.

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So what?

Don't think it could never happen to you.

¹ D. R. Davis, *Looking on the Heart*, Vol 2, p. 139.

Do be an encourager to those in dark situations. They need to be reminded of “God talk,” not “self talk.”