



DAVID

THE

LIAR

1 Samuel 21-22

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<sup>3</sup> Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find.” <sup>4</sup> But the priest answered David, “I don’t have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here—provided the men have kept themselves from women.”

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**<sup>5</sup> David replied, “Indeed women have been kept from us, as usual whenever I set out. The men’s bodies are holy even on missions that are not holy. How much more so today!” <sup>6</sup> So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the LORD and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.**

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<sup>7</sup> Now one of Saul's servants was there that day, detained before the LORD; he was Doeg the Edomite, Saul's chief shepherd.

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# 1 Samuel 21:1-9

<sup>9</sup> The priest replied, “The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, is here; it is wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you want it, take it; there is no sword here but that one.” David said, “There is none like it; give it to me.”

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## 2. First lie

1 Samuel 21:2

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**6. David leaves fed and  
equipped**

# The result of David's lies- 1 Samuel 22:7-23

**<sup>7</sup> He said to them, “Listen, men of Benjamin! Will the son of Jesse give all of you fields and vineyards? Will he make all of you commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds? <sup>8</sup> Is that why you have all conspired against me? No one tells me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse. None of you is concerned about me or tells me that my son has incited my servant to lie in wait for me, as he does today.”**

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**<sup>9</sup> But Doeg the Edomite, who was standing with Saul's officials, said, "I saw the son of Jesse come to Ahimelek son of Ahitub at Nob. <sup>10</sup> Ahimelek inquired of the LORD for him; he also gave him provisions and the sword of Goliath the Philistine."**

## **The result of David's lies- 1 Samuel 22:7-23**

**<sup>11</sup> Then the king sent for the priest Ahimelek son of Ahitub and all the men of his family, who were the priests at Nob, and they all came to the king. <sup>12</sup> Saul said, “Listen now, son of Ahitub.” “Yes, my lord,” he answered.**



# **The result of David's lies- 1 Samuel 22:7-23**

**<sup>13</sup> Saul said to him, “Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, giving him bread and a sword and inquiring of God for him, so that he has rebelled against me and lies in wait for me, as he does today?”**

**<sup>14</sup> Ahimelek answered the king, “Who of all your servants is as loyal as David, the king’s son-in-law, captain of your bodyguard and highly respected in your household?”**

## **The result of David's lies- 1 Samuel 22:7-23**

**<sup>15</sup> Was that day the first time I inquired of God for him? Of course not! Let not the king accuse your servant or any of his father's family, for your servant knows nothing at all about this whole affair.” <sup>16</sup> But the king said, “You will surely die, Ahimelek, you and your whole family.”**

# **The result of David's lies- 1 Samuel 22:7-23**

**<sup>17</sup> Then the king ordered the guards at his side: “Turn and kill the priests of the LORD, because they too have sided with David. They knew he was fleeing, yet they did not tell me.”**

**But the king’s officials were unwilling to raise a hand to strike the priests of the LORD.**

**<sup>18</sup> The king then ordered Doeg, “You turn and strike down the priests.” So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck them down. That day he killed eighty-five men who wore the linen ephod.**

# **The result of David's lies- 1 Samuel 22:7-23**

**<sup>19</sup> He also put to the sword Nob, the town of the priests, with its men and women, its children and infants, and its cattle, donkeys and sheep.**

**<sup>20</sup> But one son of Ahimelek son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled to join David.**

## **The result of David's lies- 1 Samuel 22:7-23**

**21 He told David that Saul had killed the priests of the LORD. 22 Then David said to Abiathar, “That day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, I knew he would be sure to tell Saul. I am responsible for the death of your whole family.**

## The result of David's lies- 1 Samuel 22:7-23

**23 Stay with me; don't be afraid. The man who wants to kill you is trying to kill me too. You will be safe with me."**

Lie #2- David with Achish  
in Gath

# 1 Samuel 21:10-15

**<sup>10</sup> That day David fled from Saul and went to Achish king of Gath. <sup>11</sup> But the servants of Achish said to him, “Isn’t this David, the king of the land? Isn’t he the one they sing about in their dances: “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands’?”**



# 1 Samuel 21:10-15

**<sup>12</sup> David took these words to heart and was very much afraid of Achish king of Gath. <sup>13</sup> So he pretended to be insane in their presence; and while he was in their hands he acted like a madman, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting saliva run down his beard.**

# 1 Samuel 21:10-15

**<sup>14</sup> Achish said to his servants, “Look at the man! He is insane! Why bring him to me? <sup>15</sup> Am I so short of madmen that you have to bring this fellow here to carry on like this in front of me? Must this man come into my house?”**

# verse 10- Why is David in Gath?

**10 That day David fled from Saul and went to Achish king of Gath.**

# verse 12- The danger of fear

**<sup>12</sup> David took these words to heart and was very much afraid of Achish king of Gath.**

**1 Samuel 20:3**

**<sup>3</sup> But David took an oath and said, “Your father knows very well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said to himself, ‘Jonathan must not know this or he will be grieved.’ Yet as surely as the LORD lives and as you live, there is only a step between me and death.”**

# **Verse 13- David the crazy man**

**13 So he pretended to be insane in their presence; and while he was in their hands he acted like a madman, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting saliva run down his beard.**

**verse 14- escape- what was the result of  
this set of lies**

**14 Achish said to his  
servants, “Look at the  
man! He is insane! Why  
bring him to me?”**

**What happens when we lie?**

**Ephesians 4:25**

**25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.**

# Application

**I will tell the truth  
and trust God to  
work things out**



