

The Book of First Samuel: Chapters 23 – 24

Sunday, December 10 & Wednesday, December 13

Chapter 23 (Sunday, December 10)

- In **1 Samuel 23: 1 – 2**, what news had David received? As a result, what did David ask of God, and how did God respond?
- From **1 Samuel 23: 3 – 6**, what concern did David's men express? Regarding their concern, what direction did God give to David, and what was the result of the ensuing battle? According to **verse 6**, who had joined David's group? (*1 Samuel 14: 3*)
- In **1 Samuel 23: 7 – 8**, how did Saul respond to the news of David's victory, and what action did he plan to take?
- According to **1 Samuel 23: 9 – 13**, what questions did David ask to the Lord? How did God respond to the questions, and what action did David take as a result? How did Saul respond?
- Describe the interaction between David and Jonathan, as recorded in **1 Samuel 23: 14 – 18**. What agreement did the two men make, and what acknowledgement did Jonathan make as recorded in **verse 17**? (*1 Samuel 18: 1 – 4*)
- In **1 Samuel 23: 19 – 23**, what offer did the Ziphites make to Saul? What did Saul request from the Ziphites, and what pledge did he make in return?
- Describe the situation as presented in **1 Samuel 23: 24 – 26**. When David was informed of Saul's approach, what action did David take, and what was the potential result?
- From **1 Samuel 23: 27 – 29**, what message did Saul receive as his army was surrounding David and his men? How did Saul respond to the information that he had received?

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Chapter 24 (Wednesday, December 13)

- From **1 Samuel 24: 1 – 2**, what news did Saul receive, and how did he respond?
- In **1 Samuel 24: 3 – 4**, what did David's men say to him as Saul entered the cave where they were hiding? What action did David take in response? (*1 Samuel 20: 14 – 16; 2 Samuel 21: 7*)
- According to **1 Samuel 24: 5 – 7**, why did David regret cutting Saul's robe, and what order did he issue to his men? What did David's regret indicate about his character? (*Ecclesiastes 8: 2 – 3*)
- As David begins to address Saul in **1 Samuel 24: 8 – 10**, what action did David take, and what did David say regarding his opportunity to kill Saul in the cave?
- As David continues to speak to Saul in **1 Samuel 24: 11 – 15**, what point did David make by showing Saul the piece of his robe that he had cut? What perspective did David provide regarding the fact that God would judge between Saul and David?
- In **1 Samuel 24: 16 – 19**, how did Saul react to David's comments? What acknowledgements did Saul make, and what did he say about David's character?
- From **1 Samuel 24: 20 – 22**, what acknowledgement did Saul make? What did Saul ask of David, and how did David respond?