

DAVID'S ATTITUDE WHEN PURSUED BY SAUL

These two Psalms express very wonderful lessons which David learned, probably in connection with his being pursued by Saul. Review the historical events of this part of David's life, and then study the Psalms themselves:

A. Saul's Relationships with David: 1 Samuel 18 - 26

1. How had Saul felt toward David when he first met him? 1 Samuel 16:21

1. What position did Saul give David after he killed the giant? 1 Samuel 18:5b

2. What did the women say about David's victory over the giant? 1 Samuel 18:7

4. How did Saul feel about this? 1 Samuel 18:8

5. What did Saul try to do to David after this time? 1 Samuel 18:10-11, 19:1-7, 19:8-10, 19:11-17, 23:7-8

6. How did David respond when he had opportunity to kill Saul? 1 Samuel 24 and 26 (Read all of these two chapters)

7. Why did David say he could not kill Saul? 1 Samuel 24:6, 10b, 26:9, 11

8. Whom did David trust to solve this great problem? 1 Samuel 26:10

B. Psalm 27:

1. Read through this whole Psalm, and tell when you think David might have written it.

2. How had David felt all the time he was being chased by Saul? Psalm 27:1

3. Why had he been able to feel this way? Psalm 27:1

1. What happened to his enemies each time they tried to kill him? Psalm 27:2

5. Even when the armies of Saul came against David, how did he feel? Psalm 27:3

6. What happened each time his enemies were about to catch him? Psalm 27:5

7. What did David want to do as a result? Psalm 27:6b

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8. What else did David do at this time? Psalm 27:7-12

9. What did David say was the secret of his calmness and strength during this time? Psalm 27:13

10. What was his advice to others who might be in the same kind of circumstances? Psalm 27:14

C. Psalm 37:

1. Read this entire Psalm, and try to discover when David wrote it.

2. What was David's main advice in this Psalm? Psalm 37:1, 7b

3. What did David say would eventually happen to all who do evil? Psalm 37:2, 9-10, 12-15, 17, 20, 35-36, 38

4. What was David's advice to others in this connection? Psalm 37:3-5, 7

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. How do I feel in the midst of my great problems?

2. Have I learned to wait for God to solve my problems, or do I rush ahead and try to work things out for myself? Romans 12:19, Psalm 37:7, Psalm 27:14
