



9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

1st Samuel 27: How Blue Can You Get?

I. Quick Background

A. David, Saul and the spear – YHWH intervenes - 26:21-25

- Most scholars think this desert time was at least 10 years – maybe 15

B. Psalm 18

1. vv.1-2 – Strength, Rock, Fortress, Deliverer, “my God”, Rock, Refuge, Shield, Horn of salvation, Stronghold

2. vv.20-33

C. God protects David again

- Goliath – perfectly aimed stone on the first try
- Go live in forest at Horeth – Prophet Gad
- Rock of Parting – Philistines take Saul’s attention
- Spear/water jug – Deep trance like sleep

II. 27:1

A. David is saying:

1. I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul
2. There is nothing better for me - David doubts that God cares for him
 - Maybe not “doesn’t love me any longer” but doesn’t care

➤ Is it sinful to deny God’s care for you? - It defames God’s character

3. Saul will destroy me
4. He’s moving from God’s protection and looking to ungodly for protection
5. The stress of trusting God is too much
6. Discouragement was a bigger driver than Saul himself

III. vv.2-4

- David not only does this to himself but 600 men and their families too
- There is some reward for these sinful thoughts: Saul no more an immediate threat

IV. David's Spiral

A. vv. 5-7 - Looking for favor from the Philistine godless king of Gath - v.5

- Compare this to 1st Samuel 17:26: *David said to the men who stood by him, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"* (ESV)

B. vv.8-9 - Raids and "strips"

C. vv.10-28:2 - Kills to cover the lies

V. Back to Psalm 18:37-50

VI. Why Chapter 27?

A. Neither God nor LORD is in this chapter

B. Only 3 chapters in 1st and 2nd Samuel where absent in all 55 chapters

1. Here in Chapter 27
2. Death of Saul and his suicide – Chapter 31
3. 2nd Samuel 13 – rape of Tamar by her half-brother Amnon

C. v.1 – "David said in his own heart"

D. David Guzik's Lessons Learned

- Honesty of the Bible
- Best of men are still just men
- Is God too merciful?
- We aren't examples of perfection but can be of repentance

Thoughts? Comments? Questions? nick@nickwalters.org