

DAVID PRAISES GOD

2 Samuel 21:1-24:25

Key Verse: 23:3,4

* DAVID'S SONG OF PRAISES (21:1-22:51)

1. *What problem plagued the land? What was the reason? Who were the Gibeonites? (Jos 9:1-27) Why did Saul break faith with them? How was the broken oath repaired?*
2. *Why did David spare Mephibosheth? Who was Rizpah and what did David do because of her faithfulness? What did God do after this? Why is it important for God's people to keep promises?*
3. *How was David's life endangered and who rescued him? What did David's men swear to him after this? Who were the four Philistine giants killed by David's men? Who were David's mighty men who killed them? What do these events show about David and his men?*
4. *Read 22:2-4. What do these verses teach about David's life and about his faith in God? Read verses 5-7. What did David do in times of deep distress? What happened? Read verses 8-20. Can you think of any events in David's life to which these poetic words might refer?*
5. *What do verses 20b-25 teach about David's spiritual battle? How could David say that he was righteous? (Ro 1:17; 4:5,6) Read 22:26-30. What do these verses show about the secret of David's victories?*
6. *Read 22:30-51. How had God given David military victories? And how did David render these victories to God? How does David express his love for God? What can we learn from him about how to be victorious in the inner life as well as victorious over enemies without?*

* THE LAST WORDS OF DAVID (23:1-24:25)

7. *Read 23:1-7. What was on David's mind during his last days? How did he view his life? For what was he thankful? About what was he confident?*

8. *Who were the mighty men whom God raised up to protect David? Why are co-workers important? What event reveals David's deep respect for his men and fear of God who raised them up? (23:13-17)*

9. *What was the sin David committed during his latter years? Why did Joab object to what David wanted to do? Why was God displeased? What did David do when he realized he had sinned? (24:10)*

10. *Which of the 3 options of punishment did David choose? Why? Why was the plague stopped at the threshing floor of Araunah? (15-25) What do these events reveal about David's attitude toward God and toward his people? (Why is this threshing floor important? [1 Ch 21:27-22:1])*