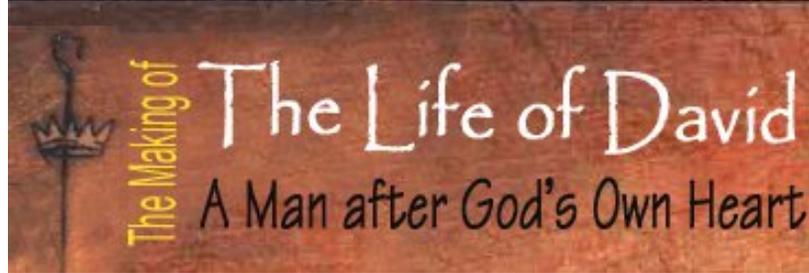




# 1 Samuel 23:13-29

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## Lions and Tigers and Bears...Oh my

- **A childhood phrase** –bad things out there to get me
- **An Adult reality** – it is not a safe world
  - Really are things, people who want to and will harm us if they get the chance

## My question for you...is how are you dealing with it?

- Some – **ignorance** suppose might say is bliss...or
  - Ignorance is venerability
- Some **dreadful fear**...can be immobilizing
- Some **despair**...what is the hope
- Some **confidence**...over confidence
- Is a better way...will see today

## Continuing our study in David's life – making of a man

- David is in a stage of preparation – 17 years
  - David is wandering (**v.13**)...David is waiting
  - God is teaching David key lessons- see today
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# I. Had a Incessant Enemy

## 1. Saul was a consistent, relentless enemy

- a. Says he sought David every day
- b. Just want you to think about that
- c. Every day woke up knowing, looking over shoulder

## 2. As we consider Saul– see as a type today of satan

- a. Don't take farther than this, not saying always is
- b. Tell you Christian, you have a constant enemy
- c. **1 Pet 5:8; Rev 12:9-10** 📖

## 3. Saul was an unreasonable enemy

- a. He knew he would lose...deep down **v.17**
- b. True of satan. Knows he will lose
- c. Something crazy about Saul, satan – fights

## 4. Saul had help from others

- a. David is wandering in Ziph –picture 📖
- a. Ziphites come to Saul to betray David
- b. David did nothing to these – but betrayed him
- c. David was a relative of them – but betrayed him
- d. Satan has a lot of people who help him
- e. Want to ask – why, what are you doing
- f. Quick moment...don't help satan attack believers

## 5. Saul is a masquerading enemy

- a. Notice – uses God's name, says God is for him
- b. Now – you can see clearly – God is not
- c. Silly comment – but I suppose necessary
  - i) Just because one uses God's name...or says God is helping them– doesn't make it true
- d. Satan seeks to use a religious card often too...

# II. What does David do with this?

## 1. David prays – turns to God – Psalm 54

- a. Keep finger in both places – back and forth
- b. Bases his prayer off God's name & strength
- c. Tells God all that is troubling him – good advice

## 2. David calls us to see, to behold how God is his help,

- a. As he looks at what he is facing...not alone

## 3. Go back – 1 Sam 23:14 – God is David's deliver

- a. Tell us God did not deliver David to Saul
  - b. God is with him, God is his helper How God is his defense. Want you to see how it works
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## III. God Helps us with Wisdom

### 1. See the flow. v.14 to v.15

- a. Note the words “David saw”
- b. David learned of Saul’s actions

### 2. What did David do – took wise moves

- a. Wilderness v.15
- b. Rock, Wilderness of Moan...v.25
- b. When Saul leaves...goes to En Gedi

### 3. God’s defense in our lives, does not mean we don’t have to be wise or prudent

- a. Insurance, IRA’s, Alarm systems
- b. Not a lack of faith to have
- c. But these things should not be our trust

## II. God Helps us with Encouragement

### 1. Go back to Psalm 54 –upholding him with others.

- c. Note – gives God the credit
- d. Need people to encourage, uphold–but see God in

### 4. Who is the others?

- a. His men....but far more - Jonathan!– back to **1 Sam**

### 5. Jonathan finds David when Saul can’t

- a. Notice what he does
- b. Encourages David – great
- c. **How? In God. This is key**
  - i) If encourage in me or in you...what good is that
  - ii) He reminded him of God’s promises
  - i) He trusted in God’s promises
  - ii) He pursued God with David – covenant with

### b. This is real friendship

- i) This is the kind of friend we need to seek

A. **Pro 12:26; 1Cor 15:33; Pro 27:17** 📖

### c. What we need – is to be strengthened in God

### 2. No minor area....hear me clearly

- d. One of satan’s greatest tools is discouragement
- e. Think – God is bigger than satan – unable to get to us
- a. But – we can walk out of God’s protection – sin - Story of Balaam

### 6. So –key issue in our protection – encouragement

- a. See God’s hand in....receive it
  - b. Be encouraged, strengthened – even today
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## IV. God helps us Providentially

### **1. Watch it happen – feel the drama**

- a. Closing in....tightening the grip
- b. David is almost caught
- c. Exact last moment – runner arrives, Saul diverted

### **2. Providence? God working supernaturally, naturally**

- a. Events themselves are “normal” – but timing, placement is God ordering behind the scenes
- b. Consider the perfect timing...all that would have had to happen at exactly the right time

### **3. Did God have to do it this way? No**

- a. Could have done it long before
- b. Why did He, what does He do this?
- c. We don't see it otherwise
- d. We don't learn from it

### **4. David learned - Called it the rock of escape**

- a. Notice the “the” – might be referring to God
- b. Several possible Psalms...but don't know
- c. But David often refers to God as His rock

## V. God is unlimited in His resources

- 1. We see natural protection wisdom
- 2. See protection though encouragement
- 3. See protection through providence
- 4. But know this – God is unlimited in His resources to work in your life, to protect you
  - b. Can do so supernaturally – did for Peter

## III. Does God always rescue us?

- 1. Are you saying, satan can never get to us?
    - a. Yes...No
  - 5. Yes, God is bigger, can never get around God
  - 6. No - God can use satan, allow
    - a. Did for Job
    - b. Did for Jesus
      - i) Jesus answer to Pilate – you have no power, but what God has allowed
      - ii) Great example for us in this life
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## Conclusion

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### Lions and Tigers and Bears...Oh my

- Have a very real enemy
- Have many helping...many who would hurt you
- The Devil is an unceasing adversary
- God is an unlimited help

### David needs to know, to learn – God can defend him

- For David – this would be a key building block for more lessons...key lessons
- Again, can I ask you how do you deal with this?

### What does David do with this? – he worshipped

- He praised the Lord
- He was confident in the Lord

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## Gospel

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May not know it – but you are on Satan's side

You are under Satan's thumb

Can know God as Your savior, as your deliverer

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