**GOD DID NOT GIVE DAVID**

**INTO SAUL’S HANDS**

1 Samuel 23:1-29 (Key verse 23:14b)

*Day after day Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands.*

1. What did the Philistines do at Keilah? (1) Why might David hesitate to help his countrymen? (20:31; 21:10a[[1]](#footnote-1)) What did David do in this difficult situation? (2a) How did the Lord answer him? (2b) Who was with David and why were they afraid to attack the Philistines? (3; 22:2[[2]](#footnote-2) ;23:14b) Again, what did David do? (4a) How did the Lord answer him? (4b) What happened when David and his men went to Keilah, as God directed? (5)
2. What did Saul say when he was told that David was in Keilah? (7) Why did Saul call up “*all his forces* for battle?” (8) As before, what did David do when confronted with a difficult situation? (6,9-12) What was God’s answers? (11-12) What happened when David and his men left Keilah? (13) What can you learn from David about how to deal with difficult situations in your life?
3. Where did David hide from Saul? (14a) Yet, how determent was Saul to find and kill David? (14a, 15) How did this affect David? But how did Jon­athan help David to keep going? (16-18) How did the Ziphites plot with Saul to hand David over to him? (19-24) How close did Saul and his forces came to capture David? (25-26) Yet, at the last minute, how did God rescue David (27-29)
4. Why did Saul never succeed to catch and kill David? (14b) Here, think about God who perfectly guided and protected David’s life. What can you learn from this?

1. **1 Sam 20:31** - As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send someone to bring him to me, for he must die!”……..**1 Sam 21:10a** - That day David fled from Saul…… [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **1 Sam 22:2** - All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their commander. About four hundred men were with him……. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)