

1 SAMUEL 23; April 7; Jonathan Strengthened David in God

ANALYSIS:

1. When David asked the LORD a second time if he and his men should defend Keilah against the Philistines, what was the LORD'S answer?

2. About how many men were joined to David when he delivered Keilah?

3. After David escaped Saul by leaving Keilah, what did Saul do regarding David? _____

4. Who came to David and strengthened his hand in God? _____
Give as many of the points he told David as you can recall?

5. Once when Saul was about to capture David, what news did a messenger bring to Saul which caused him to return from pursuing David? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Which of the five points in Jonathan's words of comfort (v 17) do you think David needed the most? "Fear not" -- Although Saul is relentlessly pursuing you intent on killing you, God is delivering you daily, and He will continue to protect you. "My father shall not find thee" -- Though you are being sorely tried, and you will have to use all the cunning you know to escape him, you are safe. "Thou shalt be king over Israel" -- Since the LORD anointed you, and all Israel loves you and wants you, it is only a matter of time until you reign as king. "I shall be next unto thee" -- Be patient, for when you reign I will continue to be your loyal supporter under you. "Saul my father knows these things" -- The LORD'S will is certain to come to pass, and although my father is fighting against you and the LORD, he knows you will replace him.

Proverbs 25:11 "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." When our words are true, kind and encouraging, they prove to be uplifting, comforting and strengthening in the LORD, as beautiful to the heart and soul as a lovely piece of art might be to the eyes and mind.

HELP:

1. Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand (v 4).

2. About 600 men (v 13).

3. Saul sought David every day (V 14).

4. Jonathan. Fear not, Saul cannot find you, you will be king, I will be next unto you, my father really knows all this (v 17).

5. The Philistines have invaded the land (v 27).