

## SEEKING A LIFE WITH A HEART FOR GOD—7

### “The Decision of a Champion”

1 Samuel 23:1—24:1-22

Introduction. \_\_\_\_\_

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#### I. FIRST, PAUSE FOR A MOMENT AND NOTICE A CLOSE ENCOUNTER. [1 Samuel 23:1-29].

- A. First, David goes to Keilah: Here the Lord gives him a conquest [23:1-6].
- B. Secondly, David is on the run: the Lord gives him a caution [23:7-13].
- C. Thirdly, David moves into a forest: the Lord gives him a companion [23:14-23].
- D. Fourthly, David arrives at the rock: the Lord sends some competitors [23:24-29].

In all of this, we can see the invisible hand of the LORD intervening “at just the right moment. To make matters more unexpected, the Lord is using enemies [Philistines] to save His servant David. From this note several truths for our learning:

- First, the Lord sometimes allows His servants to be reduced to desperation.
- Secondly, He never allows them to stay in that state without seeing divine resistance

- Thirdly, He often delivers them at the moment of greatest risk
- Fourthly, He makes use of varied and unexpected resources.

#### II. SECONDLY, STOP FOR A MOMENT AND NOTE A \_\_\_\_\_ OPPORTUNITY [1 Samuel 24:1-7].

#### III. THIRDLY, WAIT FOR A MOMENT AND CONSIDER A \_\_\_\_\_ CONVERSATION [1 Samuel 24:8-22].

**CONCLUSION:** Look at three helpful principles to live by when it comes to life’s most subtle temptation when we are mistreated and misunderstood:

1. First, since man is \_\_\_\_\_, expect to be mistreated.
2. Secondly, surprise those who mistreat you by \_\_\_\_\_ to get even. [1 Samuel 24:12].
3. Thirdly, since the desire for revenge is predictable, say no to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh.