
SERMON OUTLINE

Living Well in an Angry World

1 Samuel 21-23

- I. Anger creates fear and chaos around us – David flees from Saul (1 Samuel 21:1-22:4).
 - A. David flees to Nob and is helped by Abimelech (21:1-9)
 - B. David fakes insanity in the Philistine city of Gath (21:10-15; Psalm 34, 56)
 - C. David takes his family to Moab for safety (22:1-5)

- II. Anger creates irrational aggression and increasing isolation – Saul destroys the priests and citizens of Nob (1 Samuel 22:6-23).
 - A. Saul angrily lectures his officials (22:6-8)
 - B. Saul interrogates Ahimelech the priest (22:9-16)
 - C. Doeg executes all the priests and citizens of Nob – but Abiathar escapes (22:17-23; Psalm 52)

- III. God blesses those focused on Him in angry situations – David productive and protected (1 Samuel 23).
 - A. David saves a city – Focused on serving God (23:1-5)
 - B. David seeks God’s wisdom – Focused on prayer (23:6-14)
 - C. Jonathan comes to encourage David – Focused on God’s strength (23:15-18)
 - D. God diverts Saul to protect David (23:19-29)