

## Sermon Text Discussion Notes 11/4/2018

“Finding Refuge in Christ on the Path of Persecution” - 1 Samuel 21-22 by Drew Hunter

### Overview

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Jesus told his followers to expect persecution. As his followers, what does Scripture tell us should be our pattern of response? This theme is common in the New Testament, but the Old Testament is also full of situations that shed light on how we should respond in a way that is pleasing to the Lord. We see one example in the ways Saul and David are juxtaposed in 1 Samuel 21-22:

- 1) David: on the run yet finding refuge (1 Sam 21:1-22:5)
- 2) Saul: sitting secure, yet spreading death (1 Sam 22:6-23)
- 3) Us: learning to sing through our suffering

From David's example, we can learn to lament, pray, confess, repent, and act with compassion & mercy when we encounter suffering in this life (our own or others).

### Quotations

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“Everything was being crushed out of him. He sang a great deal. And matched each note with a tear. How strange, is it not, what suffering begets? There in those caves, drowned in the sorrow of his song and the song of his sorrow, David became the greatest hymn writer and the greatest comforter of broken hearts this world shall ever know.” - Gene Edwards, *The Tale of Three Kings*

### Understanding & Application

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- 1) List all the ways you can find that David and Saul are contrasted in these two chapters (actions, words, the ways others respond to them etc.).
- 2) At a high level, explain how we can better understand Psalm 52 in light of Doeg's actions in 1 Samuel 22:18-19.
- 3) How does David's response to the injustice modeled in 1 Samuel 22:20-23 encourage us to respond to injustice today?
- 4) How did David find refuge when persecuted? How did he help others find refuge when they were facing persecution and suffering?
- 5) In the face of your own hard times, where have you turned (rightly or wrongly) to find refuge?
- 6) What passages of Scripture have comforted and encouraged you when facing your own suffering?