

Psalm 63 and 54 / I Samuel 23 November 2, 2019

DAVID FLEES TO...

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| 1. Gibeah, David's House           | 19:10    |
| 2. Ramah, house of Samuel          | 19:18    |
| 3. Gibeah, Jonathan's house        | 20:1     |
| A field, David hides from Saul     | 20:24    |
| 4. Nob, Ahimelech the priest       | 21:1     |
| 5. Gath, King Achish               | 21:10-15 |
| 6. Adullam, a cave                 | 22:1     |
| 7. Mizpah, King of Moab            | 22:3     |
| 8. Stronghold                      | 22:4     |
| 9. Hereth, a forest                | 22:5     |
| 10. Keilah, city of Philistines    | 23:1     |
| 11. Ziph, wilderness in Judah      | 23:14    |
| 12. Moan, desert south of Jeshimon | 23:24    |
| 13. En Gedi                        | 23:29    |
| 14. Paran, wilderness              | 25:1     |
| 15. Ziph, wilderness               | 26:1     |
| 16. Gath, king Achish              | 27:1     |
| 17. Ziklag, in the Negeb           | 27:6     |



**Background to Psalms 63: I Samuel 23:4-15**

**#10: David Seeks and Obeys the Lord about Keilah**

Then David inquired of the LORD again. And the LORD answered him, "Arise, go down to Keilah, for I will give the Philistines into your hand." And David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines and brought away their livestock and struck them with a great blow. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

**Saul Pursues David in Keilah:**

When Abiathar the son of Ahimelech had fled to David to Keilah, he had come down with an ephod in his hand. Now it was told Saul that David had come to Keilah. And Saul said, "God has given him into my hand, for he has shut himself in by entering a town that has gates and bars."

**David Seeks the Lord**

And Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. David knew that Saul was plotting harm against him. And he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod here." Then David said, "O Lord, the God of Israel, your servant has surely heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city on my account. Will the men of Keilah surrender me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? O Lord, the God of Israel, please tell your servant."

**Lord Answers David: Saul is Coming**

And the Lord said, "He will come down."

**David Seeks the Lord**

Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah surrender me and my men into the hand of Saul?"

**Lord Answers David: Keilah will turn you over to Saul**

And the Lord said, "They will surrender you."

**#11: David and His Men Flee to the Wilderness of Ziph**

Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah, and they went wherever they could go. When Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah, he gave up the expedition. And David remained in the strongholds in the wilderness, in the hill country of the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God did not give him into his hand. David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh. (I Samuel 23:4-15)

## Psalm 63

*A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.*

### A) I Long For the Lord

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; / my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you, / as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. (Psalm 63:1)

#### WILDERNESS

Joseph's life saved (in the wilderness) when Rueben throws him into the pit	(Gen 37:2)
Moses encounters God in the wilderness	(Exodus 3)
Israel protected from Pharaoh in the wilderness	(Exodus 15)
God provides manna, quail, and water in the wilderness	(Exodus 16:14)
David saved from Saul in the wilderness	(I Samuel 23)
Elijah saved from Jezebel in the wilderness	(I Kings 19:4)
Jeremiah seeks a lodging place in the wilderness	(Jeremiah 9:2)
Jesus supported by angels in the wilderness	(Matthew 4)

### B) Because I Have Seen God's Goodness,

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, / beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life, / my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:2-3)

1. Garden of Eden
2. Ark of Noah
3. Tabernacle/Land of Israel
4. Temple
5. Jesus
6. Holy Spirit
7. Heaven

### C) So I Will Praise the Lord.

So I will bless you as long as I live; / in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, / and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,  
(Psalm 63:4-5)

#### Name of God

Power to trample God's enemies	Psalm 44:5
Praiseworthy	Psalm 44:8
Knowledge	Psalm 48:10
Good	Psalm 52:9
Hope	Psalm 52:9
Fear	Psalm 61:5
Glorious	Psalm 66:2-3
Love	Psalm 69:36

### A1) I Long For the Lord

when I remember you upon my bed, / and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
for you have been my help, / and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.  
My soul clings to you; / your right hand upholds me. (Psalm 63:6-8)

Shadow of the wings	Ex 19:4; 25:20; Ruth 2:12; 3:9; Isaiah 8
Right hand upholds me	Ex 15:6,12 / S of S: 2:6; 8:3 / Isaiah 41:10 / Matthew 22:44; 26:64 / Hebrews 1:3 / Rev 1:16;

### B1) Because I Will See God's Goodness,

But those who seek to destroy my life / shall go down into the depths of the earth;  
they shall be given over to the power of the sword; / they shall be a portion for jackals. (Psalm 63:8-9)

Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel, and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines and fell slain on Mount Gilboa. And the Philistines overtook Saul and his sons, and the Philistines struck down Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. The battle pressed hard against Saul, and the archers found him, and he was badly wounded by the archers.

**Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and mistreat me."** But his armor-bearer would not, for he feared greatly.

**Therefore Saul took his own sword and fell upon it.** And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell upon his sword and died with him.

**Thus Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor-bearer, and all his men, on the same day together.** And when the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley and those beyond the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities and fled. And the Philistines came and lived in them.

The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. **So they cut off his head and stripped off his armor and sent messengers throughout the land of the Philistines, to carry the good news to the house of their idols and to the people. They put his armor in the temple of Ashtaroth, and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan.** (I Samuel 31:1-13)

### **C1) So I Will Praise the Lord with Others.**

But the king **shall** rejoice in God; / all who swear by him **shall** exult, / for the mouths of liars **will** be stopped. (Psalm 63:11)

### **Background to Psalm 54: I Samuel 23:15-29**

#### **#11: David meets Jonathan in Ziph at Horesh**

David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh. And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. And he said to him,

"Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this."

And the two of them made a covenant before the Lord. David remained at Horesh, and Jonathan went home.

#### **David's location revealed to Saul by the Ziphites**

Then the Ziphites went up to Saul at Gibeah, saying,

"Is not David hiding among us in the strongholds at Horesh, on the hill of Hachilah, which is south of Jeshimon? Now come down, O king, according to all your heart's desire to come down, and our part shall be to surrender him into the king's hand."

#### **Saul blesses the Ziphites for revealing David's location**

And Saul said,

"May you be blessed by the Lord, for you have had compassion on me. Go, make yet more sure. Know and see the place where his foot is, and who has seen him there, for it is told me that he is very cunning. See therefore and take note of all the lurking places where he hides, and come back to me with sure information. Then I will go with you. And if he is in the land, I will search him out among all the thousands of Judah."

And they arose and went to Ziph ahead of Saul.

#### **#12: David and His Men flee to the wilderness of Maon**

Now David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah to the south of Jeshimon. And Saul and his men went to seek him. And David was told, so he went down to the rock and lived in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon. Saul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other side of the mountain. And David was hurrying to get away from Saul.

#### **Saul leaves David to fight the Philistines**

As Saul and his men were closing in on David and his men to capture them, a messenger came to Saul, saying,

"Hurry and come, for the Philistines have made a raid against the land."

So Saul returned from pursuing after David and went against the Philistines. Therefore that place was called the Rock of Escape.

#### **#13: David flees to Engedi**

And David went up from there and lived in the strongholds of Engedi. (I Samuel 23:15-29)

## Prayer of Betrayal: Psalm 54

*To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Maskil of David, when the Ziphites went and told Saul, "Is not David hiding among us?"*

### A) I Pray For Deliverance

O God, save me by your name, / and vindicate me by your might.

O God, hear my prayer; / give ear to the words of my mouth.

### B) Because I Am Being Oppressed by Betrayers,

For strangers have risen against me; / ruthless men seek my life; / they do not set God before themselves. Selah

### c) So I Will Trust God

Behold, God is my helper; / the Lord is the upholder of my life.

### B1) Because God will Bring Justice to Betrayers,

He will return the evil to my enemies; / in your faithfulness put an end to them.

### A1) So I Will Thank God for Deliverance.

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; / I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.

For he has delivered me from every trouble, / and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.