



## 7 April – 13 April

Monday 7 Apr □ Psalms 59; 7; 25;

The heading of Psalm 59 places it in the context of I Samuel 19 and is a plea for God's help. Psalm 7 is both a plea for God to judge him (David) according to his own life, and a commitment to praise God. Psalm 25 has been set to music and is a poem that is worthy of our memorizing it. It expresses great confidence in all of God's ways.

□ I Samuel 20:1-42

Tuesday 8 Apr

□ Psalm 26;

This week we continue our readings in the life of David, including several more of his Psalms. In Psalm 26, he presents his life as a faithful one before Jehovah.

□ I Samuel 21:1-15;

In I Samuel 21, he goes to Ahimelech the priest and then to Achish the king of Gath in order to be safe from Saul.

□ Psalm 34

Psalm 34 is a plea by David for others to serve God.

Wednesday 9 Apr □ Psalm 56;

In Psalm 56, David is again concerned about the efforts 2 of his enemies.

□ I Samuel 22:1; I Chronicles 12:16; Psalm 141; I Samuel 22:2; I Chronicles 12:17,18; Psalm 142

The rest of today's readings show how he relied on his mighty men and his God during these dark days.

Thursday 10 Apr

□ I Samuel 22:3-5;

In the early part of I Samuel 22, David continues to be concerned about safety for his family and himself.

□ Psalm 64;

In Psalm 64, we learn that he continued to rely on God.

□ I Samuel 22:6-19;

In the next section of I Samuel 22, Ahimelech suffers for having been a friend of David.

□ Psalm 35;

Psalm 35 is one of the psalms that calls on God to bring severe judgment on the enemies of truth and right.

□ I Samuel 23:1-6; 22:20-23;

The remainder of our reading in I Samuel shows that some of the needed punishment was done at the hand of David.

□ Psalm 52

Then in Psalm 52, he contrasts himself with the wicked.

Friday 11 Apr

□ Psalms 109; 140;

In Psalms 109 and 140, David is desiring the downfall of the wicked. We, too, should desire their downfall if they will not repent!

□ I Samuel 23:7-13;

In I Samuel 23:7-13, David escapes the evil plan of Saul. Note the great difference between Saul (who *said* that God was on his side) and David (who *sought* the word of the Lord!).

□ Psalm 31

In Psalm 31, the poet of Israel again pours out his soul before the throne of God as he commits himself to do God's will.

- Saturday  
12 Apr
- 1 Samuel 23:14-29; The verses we read today in 1 Samuel 23 show that David is still fleeing Saul's wicked plans. These verses also contain the final meeting between David and his beloved friend, Jonathan. Let us have beloved friends, and let us be aware that any meeting with them may be our last.
  - Psalm 13; 54; 17 The brief Psalm 13 is full of many emotions. How many can you note? Psalm 54 is another clear statement that there are only two ways: good and evil. In psalm 17, David makes several important requests of God
- Sunday  
13 Apr
- 1 Samuel 24:1-22; Now that we have seen David's many thoughts about his enemies (such as Saul), and his strong desire for God to "reward" them, we see how David actually *treated* his enemy: he spared his life!
  - Psalm 57; 108 In Psalm 57 and 108, he offers his praise to God.
  - 1 Samuel 25:1-44 1 Samuel 25 is the story of a fool: Nabal. Notice how his stubbornness cost him everything.