

# Cloudy Days and Dark Nights

I Samuel 27

## I. Cloudy Days (1-7)

### A. The Causes (vs.1)

#### 1. Humanistic viewpoint

*"And David said in his heart"*

- a. Six references to \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. He looked at life from a \_\_\_\_\_ view.
- c. He had come off a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 2. Pessimistic reasoning

*"I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul:"*

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ was setting in.
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ looked bleak.

#### 3. Rationalistic logic

*"there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape"*

- a. A humanistic view and pessimistic reasoning produces wrong conclusions.
- b. Though a believer, David was thinking and then began acting like an \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. The Extent (vs.2-4)

1. David no longer \_\_\_\_\_ God, he began \_\_\_\_\_ Saul.

2. David's compromise \_\_\_\_\_ those around him.

3. David takes up residence with God's \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. The Consequences (vs.4-7)

1. A false sense of \_\_\_\_\_ was created.

a. David thought he was secure in Gath.

b. It brought only \_\_\_\_\_ relief.

2. The adversary's cause was \_\_\_\_\_.

a. David traded loyalties.

b. He referred to himself as the servant of Achish.

3. A period of \_\_\_\_\_ was begun.
  - a. David resided in the land of Israel's enemies for 16 months.
  - b. Notice carefully this no mention of David praying.

## II. Winds and Storms Increase (8-11)

Three characteristics marked David's life while in Ziklag

### A. Duplicity (vs.8,9)

1. Deep inside David was an Israelite, but on the outside he was trying to live as a Philistine.
2. "Duplicity": deception by pretending to entertain one set of feelings and acting under the influence of another.
3. The Bible calls this person " \_\_\_\_\_ man", James 1:8.

### B. Vagueness (vs.10)

1. David implied one thing but did another.
2. He started telling \_\_\_\_\_-truths.

### C. Secrecy (vs.11,12)

1. David's lifestyle became that of not only telling half-truths but also \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He even had the unsaved \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. Injury and Devastation Occur (Chapters 27-30)

David begins to reap what he has sown.

- A. He became \_\_\_\_\_ (29:6-7)
- B. He became \_\_\_\_\_ (30:1-6)
- C. He became \_\_\_\_\_ (30:6)