

THE KING WHO SEEKS THE LORD

1 Samuel 21:1–23:14

In 1 Samuel 21–23, David is a fugitive, Saul is on the throne, and the situation feels uncertain and unstable. Yet as the narrative unfolds, a clear pattern emerges. Access to God, direction from God, blessing by God, and clarity about God are not found with Saul, the visible king, but with David, the rejected one in the wilderness. By following the inspired story across these related scenes, we begin to see that God is making it unmistakably clear where his true king is—and where he is not. This passage of Scripture not only sharpens our discernment, but also points us beyond David to the greater King, the Lord Jesus Christ, in whom God’s presence, guidance, and favour are perfectly revealed.

The Story of Two Kings

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The Contrast of Two kings

- Access *to* God e.g., 21:4–5; 22:6, 18, 20; 23:6
- Direction *From* God e.g., 22:5–7; 23:2–4, 7, 9–12, 14
- Blessing *by* God e.g., 21:6–8, 14; 22:4; 23:5, 14
- Clarity *About* God e.g., 22:5; 23:4, 7, 11, 13

The Anticipation of *the* King