



THE MAKING OF THE KING

I SAMUEL



1 Samuel 27-28



Desperate Times, Dumb Decisions



**Apart from God, there is no hope or
deliverance.**



I Samuel 27:1 (ESV)

Then David said in his heart, “Now I shall perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will despair of seeking me any longer within the borders of Israel, and I shall escape out of his hand.”



I Samuel 26:21 (ESV)

Then Saul said, “I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have acted foolishly, and have made a great mistake.”



I Samuel 27:1 (ESV)

Then David said in his heart, “Now I shall perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will despair of seeking me any longer within the borders of Israel, and I shall escape out of his hand.”



I Samuel 27:2-4 (ESV)

So David arose and went over, he and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maach, king of Gath. ³ And David lived with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household,



I Samuel 27:2-4 (ESV)

and David with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail of Carmel, Nabal's widow. ⁴ And when it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath, he no longer sought him.



I Samuel 27:5-7 (ESV)

Then David said to Achish, “If I have found favor in your eyes, let a place be given me in one of the country towns, that I may dwell there. For why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you?”⁶ So that day Achish gave him Ziklag.



I Samuel 27:5-7 (ESV)

Therefore Ziklag has belonged to the kings of Judah to this day. ⁷ And the number of the days that David lived in the country of the Philistines was a year and four months.



I Samuel 27:8-9 (ESV)

Now David and his men went up and made raids against the Geshurites, the Girzites, and the Amalekites, for these were the inhabitants of the land from of old, as far as Shur, to the land of Egypt.



I Samuel 27:8-9 (ESV)

⁹ And David would strike the land and would leave neither man nor woman alive, but would take away the sheep, the oxen, the donkeys, the camels, and the garments, and come back to Achish.



I Samuel 27:10-12 (ESV)

When Achish asked, “Where have you made a raid today?” David would say, “Against the Negeb of Judah,” or, “Against the Negeb of the Jerahmeelites,” or, “Against the Negeb of the Kenites.” ¹¹ And David would leave neither man nor woman alive to bring news to Gath, thinking,



I Samuel 27:10-12 (ESV)

“lest they should tell about us and say, ‘So David has done.’” Such was his custom all the while he lived in the country of the Philistines. ¹² And Achish trusted David, thinking, “He has made himself an utter stench to his people Israel; therefore he shall always be my servant.”



I Samuel 28:1-2 (ESV)

In those days the Philistines gathered their forces for war, to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, “Understand that you and your men are to go out with me in the army.”² David said to Achish,



I Samuel 28:1-2 (ESV)

“Very well, you shall know what your servant can do.” And Achish said to David, “Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life.”



I Samuel 28:3-4 (ESV)

Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the necromancers out of the land. ⁴ The Philistines assembled and came and encamped at Shunem.



I Samuel 28:3-4 (ESV)

And Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa.



1 Samuel 28:5 (ESV)

When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly.



1 Samuel 28:6-11 (ESV)

And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. ⁷ Then Saul said to his servants, “Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her.”



1 Samuel 28:6-11 (ESV)

And his servants said to him, “Behold, there is a medium at En-dor.”⁸ So Saul disguised himself and put on other garments and went, he and two men with him. And they came to the woman by night. And he said, “Divine for me by a spirit and bring up for me whomever I shall name to you.”



1 Samuel 28:6-11 (ESV)

⁹ The woman said to him, “Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the necromancers from the land. Why then are you laying a trap for my life to bring about my death?” ¹⁰ But Saul swore to her by the Lord,



1 Samuel 28:6-11 (ESV)

“As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing.” ¹¹ Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” He said, “Bring up Samuel for me.”



1 Chronicles 10:13-14 (ESV)

He broke faith with the Lord in that he did not keep the command of the Lord, and also consulted a medium, seeking guidance. ¹⁴ He did not seek guidance from the Lord.



“The heart of Saul’s sin is what it has been for a long time. He wants a domesticated god, a god like the genie in Aladdin’s lamp, one pledged to do wonderful things for him as long as he holds the lamp.



He somehow feels that David now holds the lamp and wishes he could get the power back, but does not perceive that the real God is to be worshiped, revered, obeyed, feared, and loved—unconditionally.” -Don Carson



I Samuel 28:12-19 (ESV)

When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, “Why have you deceived me? You are Saul.”¹³ The king said to her, “Do not be afraid. What do you see?” And the woman said to Saul, “I see a god coming up out of the earth.”



I Samuel 28:12-19 (ESV)

¹⁴ He said to her, “What is his appearance?” And she said, “An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped in a robe.” And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and paid homage. ¹⁵ Then Samuel said to Saul,



I Samuel 28:12-19 (ESV)

“Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” Saul answered, “I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams.



I Samuel 28:12-19 (ESV)

Therefore I have summoned you to tell me what I shall do.”¹⁶ And Samuel said, “Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your enemy?¹⁷ The Lord has done to you as he spoke by me,



I Samuel 28:12-19 (ESV)

for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David. ¹⁸

Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you this day.



I Samuel 28:12-19 (ESV)

¹⁹ Moreover, the Lord will give Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me. The Lord will give the army of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines.”



I Samuel 28:20-25 (ESV)

Then Saul fell at once full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night. ²¹ And the woman came to Saul, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him,



I Samuel 28:20-25 (ESV)

“Behold, your servant has obeyed you. I have taken my life in my hand and have listened to what you have said to me. ²² Now therefore, you also obey your servant. Let me set a morsel of bread before you; and eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way.”



I Samuel 28:20-25 (ESV)

²³ He refused and said, “I will not eat.” But his servants, together with the woman, urged him, and he listened to their words. So he arose from the earth and sat on the bed. ²⁴ Now the woman had a fattened calf in the house, and she quickly killed it,



I Samuel 28:20-25 (ESV)

and she took flour and kneaded it and baked unleavened bread of it, ²⁵ and she put it before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.



**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness...**

**His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.**



If you would like to talk to Shing Chow about the sermon, please feel free to call him, email him.



614-266-1881



shing@churchonmill.org