

God Helps the Godly, Always!

By Dan Jenkins

The account of David's flight from King Saul is filled with vivid description of just how much hate the king had for the son of Jesse. First Samuel chapters 22 and 23 give such great insight in the hearts of the first two kings of Israel. Had it not been for the friendship of Jonathan with David, the life David might have ended and the history of Israel would have been so different. David Fleed Saul, but Trusted God.

The evil King Saul called the priests of God to his side, and when he learned of how they had added David in his flight he killed eighty-five priests. He then entered Nob, one the cities given to the priests by God and slaughtered men, women, children, infants and their animals. He was determined to kill David, no matter what was the cost.

David fled city to city and even foreign nations. He sought refuge in Keilah only to have Saul pursue him there. David left that city and thought he had found his place of refuge in forest near Ziph, but the people offered to deliver David to Saul. What hope could anyone have at a time like this?

The answer lies in the psalm David penned as he fled from Ziph. Read those seven verses in Psalm 54 and learn from this man how God helps. See his faith. Read it again when life has crumbled around you. Let his words become your words.

Hear his words. He saw God as his Savior and the One who would vindicate him (v. 1). He saw God as the One who would hear his prayers and answer them (v. 2). He understood his situation but knew there was no way his enemies would prevail, for God was not in the forefront of their lives (v. 3). God was his Helper and stood with those who stood with David (v. 4). He knew God would repay his enemies and separate them from Him (v. 5). He knew that his response to God's presence was a heart filled with the joy of worship and praise (v. 6). He looked at all the adversity he had just endured, and this gave him confidence that victory would belong to him.

What's happening in your life? I guarantee you that it is not nearly as bad as David's was when he wrote this psalm. Whatever it is, whether the adversity is one in your life or one that you may face in the future, rest assured that these words of David will help you. You may not need to memorize this psalm in its entirety, but let these words feed your soul. Let them become the expression of your heart. If we want to people after God's own heart, then the words of David need to become our words.

By the way, you do know the rest of this story, don't you? Saul was thwarted in his attempts to kill David. Saul's life ended in a most tragic way. The victory has never belonged to the ungodly, for our God never forsakes His children.

Things you should know about!

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you want to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bryan Allen 7/9 Anna Wilson 7/30
Matthew Wilson 7/21 Stephanie Bang 7/30
Erica Gaynor 7/22

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Happy Anniversary

Jerry & Carrie Thompson 7/4

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Stay tuned for information on our outing to the Ark Encounter.

If you are interested in going, please let John know.
Group rates are available if we have enough people go.

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This month's potluck will be next week, July 10th

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The new quarter of Bible Classes start today. If anyone is interested in teaching the 1st-5th grade Bible Class on Wednesday evening, please let Dianna know.

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Men's Meeting on July 19th @ 9am

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Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	July 3, 2022	July 10, 2022
Announcements	Duane Kemp	Jerry Thompson
Song Leading	Owen Whittington	Duane Kemp
Opening Prayer/Greeter/Usher	(L)	Jason Bang
Lord's Supper Comments		Tom Muter
Scripture Reading	Tom Muter	Owen Whittington
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher	(R)	Chris McGiffin

Bible Verse of the Week

“And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be -
 “The LORD is one,” And His name one.” Zechariah 14:9

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Lord's Supper Reflection

Jesus was pierced for OUR sins.

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

Offering Meditation

Continue giving back to God and you will receive your reward

“But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.” 2 Chronicles 15:7

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - asked for prayers for his Parkinson's
- *Laura McGiffin's - for the incision on her leg to heal properly
- *Marjorie Seiber - having eye surgeries this week
- *Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell's nephew) - having heart issues, will be seeing the dr
- *Orvelle & Sharon Thompson - both having knee/hip joint aches/pains

- *Seth Miller (Chris & Lisa Miller's son) - recovering from wrist surgery
- *Chris & Lisa Miller's great nephew - recovering from near drowning
- *The Bang's, Jason/Stephanie/girls and Tim/Dianna are travelling this week.

How can we be praying for YOU?

Please call John or email him at jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, June 26

Bible Classes 35
 AM Attendance 35
 PM Attendance 26

Wednesday, June 29

Bible Classes 27
 Contribution \$883.50

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



July 3, 2022

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today!
 If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.