

1 Samuel 23 - men ought always to pray, and not to faint

Outline

v1-4 when new concerns arose, David inquired of the Lord again to double check and make sure, before going to save Keilah

v5-13 when David was asking the Lord about what would happen in Keilah, he asked the Lord further for more specific details;

- the people were ungrateful, that they would betray David after he risked his life to save them

v14-15 David was in the wilderness of Ziph

v16-18 Jonathan blessed David

v19-24 the Ziphites tried to betray David to Saul, but then David was in the wilderness of Maon

v25-29 the Lord delivered David after he was surrounded, by having Saul need to go back and defend the land from the real enemies

Key v4

“Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.”

I noticed that when a problem arose, that David's men were afraid, it said, **“Then David enquired of the LORD yet again.”** Also, in **v11,12**, David asked the Lord two questions, and, after the Lord answered the first part, David asked the Lord the second part again, to get the rest of the answer.

When we pray about something, we shouldn't think, **“I already prayed about it, so I don't have to pray about it any more.”** When new concerns arise, it is OK to pray anew. We should **“inquire of the Lord yet again.”**

Application Luke 18:7

“And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?”

There are some things that I've been praying about for a long time and haven't seemed to get an answer to. I'll be patient and persistent to keep praying about those things anyway.