

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. This time in David's life is underlined by Romans 8:28. This great promise is one of the most treasured promises in all of Scripture. How has this promise had an impact on your life?
2. In 1 Samuel 18:6-9, what caused Saul's jealousy toward David? Jealousy is a cruel master. How would you define jealousy? What filled Saul's mind because of his jealousy? See 18:9. When our minds are clouded by this how does it effect our relationship with others?
3. In verses 10-11, Saul's jealousy leads him to do what? Can you think of other people in Scripture who were motivated by jealousy? Jealousy must be attacked in the believer's life. This war begins in our mind and heart. Read James 3:13-18. What is contrasted in this passage? What are the qualities of godly wisdom? Take three of these characteristics and consider how they can spiritually transform the jealous heart?
4. In 1 Samuel 22:1, how does David respond to Saul's aggression? Have you ever been in a situation where someone else's evil caused you to make significant changes in your life? Romans 13:14-20, gives very practical insight on how to respond to those who act in an evil manner toward us. What are some applications from these verses?
5. In 1 Samuel 22:1,2, who did God bring to David in the cave of Adullam? How would you describe these people? When David's kingdom comes to an end how are these transformed individuals described in 2 Samuel 23:8,9,13? How is this a picture of the Church of the Lord Jesus? See 1 Corinthians 1:26-30 and 6: 9-11.
6. As this study concludes, pause and give thanks to God for His transformation in your life even when it comes through the sin of others.

After God's Own Heart: V "When God Uses Evil for Good" (1 Samuel 22:1,2)

- I. *The Rage of Saul*
- II. *The Reason of God*
- III. *The Retreat of David*
- IV. *The Refuge of Adullam*
- V. *Life Lessons from the Cave*
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