

OUR EXILED KING

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Sermon Theme: God's King and people face persecution and exile from those who hate God and revile His people. But God loves and sustains His people until the end. So, let us entrust ourselves to God as we await the final redemption and restoration of all things!

I. King David Exiled – Read 1 Samuel 20:1-34

- A. Read 1 Samuel 20:1-2. What are the reasons that Saul seeks to kill David? What is Jonathan's understanding of Saul's opinion of David?
- B. In verses 12-23, what plan do David and Jonathan establish to identify Saul's motivations regarding David? What is the outcome of that plan?
- C. Read 1 Samuel 20:30-34. What does this interaction between Jonathan and Saul tell us about Saul's desire and disdain for David?

II. King David Sustained – Read 1 Samuel 20:35-22:5

- A. Exodus 25:30 and Leviticus 24:5 describe the purpose of the holy bread. How is holy bread reserved only for the priests an appropriate meal for David?
- B. How does the provision of holy bread reinforce the idea that God is committed to His King?
- C. Read Luke 6:1-5. How does David's action with the bread of the presence relate to Jesus being Lord of the Sabbath?
- D. Read 2 Samuel 22:1-5. How is God's love for David displayed even as he hides in exile? What is the significance of David becoming a commander to the distressed, impoverished, and embittered? What character qualities do you find admirable about David?

III. King Jesus Exiled & Sustained – Application

- A. How does David's life of exile point us forward to the Lord Jesus Christ? In what ways are both David and Jesus exiled due to cruel intentions and murderous passions of kings?
- B. How is Jesus' exile and sustenance by the mighty hand of God a helpful reminder for those who have put their faith in Christ alone?
- C. When are you prone to lose sight of the work that God is doing in your life? What are some passages that encourage us to keep our eyes fixed on our only hope in life and in death?
- D. As an exile, how would you like to grow in love for the lost and distressed? How would you like to grow in greater clarity on God's care and provision for all things in your life?