

A CONTRAST OF KINGS

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Sermon Theme: Sin ignited a life and death struggle between the seed of the woman and seed of the serpent, but God promises salvation in King Jesus, whose death defeats sin, death, and the devil so that we might be children of God who walk in a very real and practical righteousness, which is evident and obvious to everyone around us!

I. The Safekeeping King – Read 1 Samuel 22:6-23

- A. Read 1 Samuel 22:6-19. How would you describe the actions of King Saul? What is the driving force behind Saul's murder of the men, women, children, and priests in Nob?
- B. Compare God's command against the Amalekites in 1 Samuel 15 and Saul's command against the priests at Nob in chapter 22. What are the similarities and differences?
- C. Read 1 Samuel 22:20-23. What is David's reaction to Abiathar's summary of King Saul's heinous actions? What do we learn about King David from these short verses?
- D. How does the safekeeping King David point forward to the safekeeping King Jesus? What NT passages come to mind when you think of Jesus as the greater than David safekeeping King?

II. The Savior King – Read 1 Samuel 23:1-29

- A. Read 1 Samuel 23:1-14. In what ways is David depicted as a Savior King?
- B. As you think about how Saul treated the people in Nob and how David treats the people in Keilah, how would you compare and contrast their actions and attitude?
- C. In verses 14, it says that Saul sought David every day but could not find him. Then in verse 16, Jonathan seeks and finds David immediately. How would you explain that difference? In addition, how is Jonathan's encouragement of David an example for us to follow?

III. The Righteous King – Read 1 Samuel 24:1-22

- A. Read 1 Samuel 24:1-7. What observations do you make about these verses? Why does David spare Saul's life, even though Saul has constantly been trying to kill David for chapters?
- B. As you think about connections between David and the New Testament, how does Jesus show Himself to be a Righteous King, a Savior King, and a King who provides eternal safekeeping?
- C. Read Genesis 3:14-15. How does Jesus ultimately crush the head of the seed of the serpent? As you think about the promise of enmity, in what ways does it still continue today?
- D. According to 1 John 3:7-10. What are some distinguishing marks of a child of God? How would you evaluate your own life? How would you like to grow in living a righteous life?