

# **DESERTING GOD**

## **I Samuel 27**

**Tonight let's look at some causes for David  
once again deciding to quit on God.**

### **I. COMPROMISE INDICATIONS** (1-4)

#### A. DAVID'S DISPOSITION (1)

1. An Unwise Advisor
2. An Unreasonable Conclusion
3. A Flawed Objective

#### B. DAVID'S DECISION (2-3)

1. Disobedience - cf. 22:5
2. Association with the enemy
3. Affecting others

#### C. DAVID'S DANGERS

1. The reality of Dependence
2. Royal Duties
3. Religious Deities

### **II. CONTENTMENT ISSUES** (5-7)

#### A. DAVID'S APPETITE (5a)

#### B. DAVID'S APPEAL (5b)

1. A False Humility
2. A Feigned Motivation (expert "spin")

#### C. DAVID'S AUTONOMY

1. No scrutiny, accountability or oversight!
2. Not good!

#### D. DAVID'S ACCOMPLISHMENT (6-7)

1. A City (6a)
2. A Seizure (6b)
3. Some Stability (7)

### III. CORRUPTION INFECTIONS (8-12)

#### A. RUTHLESS RAIDING (8-9, 11)

1. Pillaging (8)
2. Attacking (9, 11)
  - a. An unprovoked hostility
  - b. An unpardonable cruelty
  - c. An unacceptable greed

#### B. MASTERFUL MISINFORMATION (10, 12)

1. Lying (10)
2. Deceiving (12)

### CONCLUSION:

**David effectively deserted God.**

*- Because sliding back is much easier than marching forward*

**Would you desert? .... Are you devoted?**

#### Some lessons to consider:

##### **1. Be cautious about compromise.**

- a. You may, like Lot, be surprised where you end up!
- b. Heb. 3:12-13 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

##### **2. Be careful about being content.**

- Matthew 6:19-21, 24 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; <sup>21</sup> for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.... <sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

##### **3. Be committed to cleanliness.**

- a. Daily wash away the world's contamination
- b. Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; <sup>24</sup> And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

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