

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## David Fights Against Israel

- The Philistine forces assembled for a major offensive against Israel [1 Sam 28:1a].
  - The last time this happened, David defeated Goliath [1 Sam 17:1-3].
  - This time, David was in Philistia hiding from Saul.
  - The last time, David was walking with the Lord.
  - This time, David was carnal.
- King Achish made no uncertain terms as to what he expected of David [1 Sam 28:1b].
  - He used the very emphatic phrase “Know assuredly” [Gen 15:13; Josh 23:13; 1 Kgs 2:37, 42; Prov 27:23; Jer 13:12; 26:15; 40:14; 42:19, 22].
  - He said, “you (and your men) will go out with me.”
    - ✦ You will be fighting for us and with us.
    - ✦ Your enemies are your own people.
- David consented to the demands of King Achish [1 Sam 28:2a].
  - When David said, “Very well,” he was telling King Achish, “Given these conditions.”
  - David went on to say, “you shall know what your servant can do.”
    - ✦ He called himself the servant of Achish, not the Lord.
    - ✦ He claimed that he was the one fighting the battles.
- King Achish was so impressed with David, that he promoted him to the position of bodyguard for life [1 Sam 28:2b].
- Lessons:
  - It is a small step from passive negative volition to active negative volition.
  - Believers must choose daily whom they will serve [Josh 24:15; Rom 6:16; 2 Pet 2:17-22].
  - Believers must recognize that they are not the ones doing the work [1 Cor 3:6; 15:10; 2 Cor 3:5; Phil 2:13; Heb 13:21].