

## FIRST SAMUEL

### Lesson 35: Chapter 22:1-3, They Gathered themselves unto Him

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In the first three verses of chapter 22, David is seen clearly to be a picture and a type of the Lord Jesus Christ as certain groups of people begin to gather themselves to him.

#### David pictures Jesus Christ in His ministry:

He ministered to “every one that was in **Distress.**” \_\_\_\_\_

He ministered to “everyone that was in **Debt.**” \_\_\_\_\_

He ministered to “everyone that was **Discontented.**” \_\_\_\_\_

#### In Luke 4:18-19 Jesus announced the purpose of His coming and His ministry (from Isaiah 61:1-2).

- To heal the brokenhearted (in distress). \_\_\_\_\_  
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- To preach good tidings to the poor (in debt). \_\_\_\_\_  
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- To preach deliverance to the captives (discontented; captive to drugs, alcohol, false religion, etc.).  
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#### He became a captain over them

The captain is the one who makes the decisions. Jesus Christ is the captain of our salvation (Heb. 2:10).

- When you turned from your way and gathered yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ, He immediately became your Lord and your captain and gave you eternal life. (Lordship salvation is a false teaching).
  - He’s always been the Lord, but now He’s your Lord.
- You will follow His leadership because He knows what is best and what is right.
  - Remember that your way led to distress, debt, and discontentment. The Lord’s way ministers to and fulfills those needs.

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This scene pictures and foreshadows the fleeing remnant of Israel hiding in caves in the wilderness during the Great Tribulation.

**Saul:** a type of the Antichrist, using his authority and power to try and exterminate the true followers of God.

**The cave of Adullam in Moab:** points to the place that God will prepare for the children of Israel in Selah Petra (Rev. 12:6, 12:14).

**David:** pictures the true king who will replace the false king once he is destroyed (Rev. 20-21).

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**Evolution debunked:** Evolutionists theorize that men started out living in caves and then evolved to a point where they moved into cities. The Bible records that men started in cities and fled into caves:

**Lot:** Genesis 19:30

**David:** 1 Samuel 22

**Five Kings of Canaan:** Joshua 10:16

**One hundred prophets of the Lord:** 1 Kings 18:4

**Elijah:** 1 Kings 19:9

**Men and women in the tribulation days:** Isaiah 2:10-22, Revelation 6:15-17.

- Notice the list of people who are fleeing from the Lord (kings, great men, chief captains, mighty men). These are men who were not drawn to the Lord (though He draws all men: John 12:32) because their power, wealth, and influence diminished their desperation, debt, and discontent. That's why not many wise, mighty, or noble men are called (1 Cor. 1:26).
  - You will find (with rare exceptions) that it is the "poor of this world" who are "rich in faith" who love the Lord and are drawn to Him (James 2:1-5).
    - They know that Jesus is the only one who can meet their needs. That is why they gather to Him.
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