



## **David's Faith Test: Saul's Insane Jealousy (1 Sam 21)**

*Questions: Week Twelve*

### **David at Nob - [1 Samuel 21:1-9](#)<sup>1</sup>**

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#### **Open It**

1. \*Whom do you know who is able to "think fast on his or her feet" and come up with plausible answers in difficult situations?
2. What is the most difficult aspect of spur-of-the-moment guests?
3. How do you imagine it might feel to aid a fugitive?

#### **Explore It**

4. What was David's first stop as he fled from King Saul? ([21:1](#))
5. What questions did Ahimelech the priest ask of David? ([21:1](#))
6. \*How did David explain the fact that he was alone? ([21:2](#))
7. \*For what provision did David ask Ahimelech? ([21:3](#))
8. Because he had only consecrated bread, what condition did Ahimelech have to put on the gift? ([21:4](#))
9. \*How did David's answer reassure Ahimelech and embellish his tale of a secret mission? ([21:5](#))
10. Why was there consecrated bread on the premises that was not on the altar? ([21:6](#))
11. Who happened to be at Nob on the same day David visited there? ([21:7](#))
12. For what further provision did David ask Ahimelech? ([21:8](#))
13. What famous sword was the only sword in the priest's possession? ([21:9](#))

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1. *Adult Questions for LESSONMaker*, (Austin, TX: Wordsearch, 1992), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, Under: "David at Nob - 1 Samuel 21:1-9".

## **Get It**

14. Why would the priests have special concerns about purity and obedience to the law?
15. \*How might the story have turned out differently if David had told the priest that he was fleeing from Saul?
16. For what reasons might Goliath's sword have been kept in the place of worship?
17. What was it about David that probably prompted Ahimelech to fulfill his requests?
18. What sort of person would you be inclined to help, even if he or she were in trouble with the authorities?
19. \*What was good or bad about the fact that David misled the priest?

## **Apply It**

20. \*How could you cultivate an attitude that would enable you to maintain your composure even if you were persecuted and pursued?
21. What steps could you take to become better prepared to be hospitable to unexpected guests?