

I. About the places (see 1 Samuel 17; Psalm 126:4; Joshua 15:20, 31; 19:1, 5)

II. What happens

- A. David has been chased all over the wilderness areas of Judah.
- B. He is no longer the people's hero, and despite all of his promises, Saul is still chasing him.
- C. He is welcome nowhere.
- D. You'd think the last place he would go would be Philistia (Gath!) - he killed their giant, right?
- E. But it seems like a good idea ...
- F. Requests his own city; the king of Gath gladly gives it to him
- G. Achish expects that David will now fight all of Philistia's enemies, including Israel

III. Exile

- A. Throughout the Bible there is a theme of exile and return
- B. The exile of the innocent
- C. The city of the king (see John 1:11; also Isaiah 59:15-16; Psalm 126:4)
- D. David went into exile by the hand of God

IV. Some points of “application”

- A. In Christ we see the big picture (see 2 Timothy 3:12; Hebrews 13:13; 1 Peter 1:1; 2:11)
- B. We are free men (see 1 Peter 2:16; Romans 6:7, 18; Matthew 5:5; Galatians 4:30; 5:1)
- C. Augustine: patience toward unbelieving rulers
- D. Christians should not expect to have the government on their side.
- E. Cassiodorus: life in the winepress
- F. Perseverance, proving, and preparation