

Alone in a Cave
1 Samuel 22:1-5, Psalm 57
November 15, 2020

Summary of 1 Samuel 22:1-5

I. The Refuge of God (V. 1-3)

A. When God's help is our greatest _____, God's _____ is our greatest assurance.

II. The Ring of Enemies (V. 4-6)

A. When God's enemies are our greatest _____, God's _____ is our greatest assurance.

III. The Song of Praise (V. 7-11)

A. There is no _____ that can prevent you from exalting God.

B. When God's glory is our greatest _____, God's _____ is our greatest assurance.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Samuel 22:1-5 and Psalm 57
2. Though David was taking refuge in a cave, what was his real refuge, according to Psalm 57:1? What that say about David's definition of safety?
3. What is the role of God's love in the fulfillment of God's plan for our lives?
4. Should Christians be assured of God's salvation, as David was? Why?
5. David's ultimate purpose was to exalt God in all he did. David was to fulfill that purpose in a unique way: by being king over Israel. Would you say your main goal is to exalt God in all you do? If so, how is God leading you to do that in your own unique way?
6. Talk about one of the worst evils you have ever personally experienced. How can you exalt God through that evil, as David did through his (V. 5, 11)?
7. What are some reasons Christians do not have the assurance of salvation available to them in Christ? How can they possess that assurance?
8. Pray for each other, that the members of Apollo Baptist Church would treasure God's glory above all and that the Lord would reward them with a deep confidence in His salvation as a result. Review the Prayer Guide about prayer needs throughout the congregation.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: 1 Chronicles 15-21

November Memory Verses: Psalm 119:11 and 2 Timothy 2:15

Join us for Prayer: Tuesday Evenings at 7:00PM — Dial 701-802-5374 and at the prompt enter 5160582#

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Our Vision: To create a culture of discipleship that leads to worship and compels us to be on mission.

PRAY for us as a church family to grow in our devotion and our discipleship.
 PRAY that we would be faithful in all our individual areas of ministry.
 PRAY that God will draw many to Himself in this difficult time.
 PRAY for YOUR ONE to be saved.
 PRAY for Grief Share small group starting November 29
 PRAY for the ASU West college ministry.
 PRAY for the Wednesday evening AWANA ministry every—and the need for Awana nursery helpers.
 PRAY for the people of Puluk in Indonesia to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.
 PRAY for Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. to be able to return to their field of service soon.
 PRAY for the Family Revival Night. (November 24)

Our Mission: To Care as Jesus CARES:

PRAY for God's protection from the COVID virus.
 PRAY that we will love and encourage each other by reaching out to our membership.
 PRAY that God will continue to use the FOOD BOX MINISTRY to bring people to Himself and that we will keep the food pantry stocked.
 PRAY for the hospital workers, first responders and police officers to be drawn to God and to be filled with His strength, love, and ability.
 PRAY for all our schools/teachers/administrators/workers in this school year with difficulties never before encountered.
 PRAY for us all to be a source of light in the darkness of racial prejudice.
 PRAY for our country and for us to be godly citizens.
 PRAY that we will each be faithful to give financially to Apollo Baptist Church so that we can have the funds to continue ministering.
 PRAY for the effectiveness of Operation Christmas Child.

Our Church Family:

PRAY for Pastor Gary and our other pastors (Pastor Jim, Pastor Reginald, Pastor Brian) as they seek God's way to lead our church.
 PRAY for our intern, Juliana S., and her ministry.
 PRAY for our deacons to be able to keep up with their families and contacts effectively.
 PRAY for additional preschool volunteers to care for children once a month during the morning worship service.

Pray For Our Church Family Needs:

- Those struggling with fear and anxiety because of the pandemic
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
 - Charity M. (cousin, Johanna and great aunt, Olga), Rebecca R. (brother), Ray and Sue J. (daughter-in-law, Lynette), Dan and Shirley S. (Dan's father), Nancy C. (father, Pete), April H. (husband, Gary), Ken R. (sister, Joan), Pastor Jim (uncle, John)
 - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
 - Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer and possible donors of bone marrow), Leroy D. (his brother), Ketty B's. grandmother (breast cancer)
- Those struggling with chronic health issues:
 - Michelle L. (migraines), Rezwana D. (migraines), Mary R. (possibly starting dialysis), Ruthie C. (severe weight loss), Jimmy (grandson of Raul and Cindy O. has autism and migraines), Laura M. (neck vertebrae with ruptured disc causing extreme pain), Larry D. (brain bleed not completely healed), Bob B.'s mom (fell and fractured vertebrae in her neck), Don R. (sciatica pain), Twyla H. (high blood pressure)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant), Laura M. (Nov. 25-neck vertebrae), James M. (cleaning out the veins in his legs), Bob B. (cataract), Dale O. (knee replacement)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Kevin M. (vertebrae surgery), Butch L. (slowly healing from skin cancer surgery and infection), Jonathan B. (hand surgery), Mary R. (dialysis related surgery), Judy H. (hip surgery)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Billy H.
- Others that you are aware of

Apollo Baptist Church is in lockdown mode until after November 22.

All worship services will be live streamed only and no in-person worship until after November 22

All Sunday School classes are postponed until after November 22