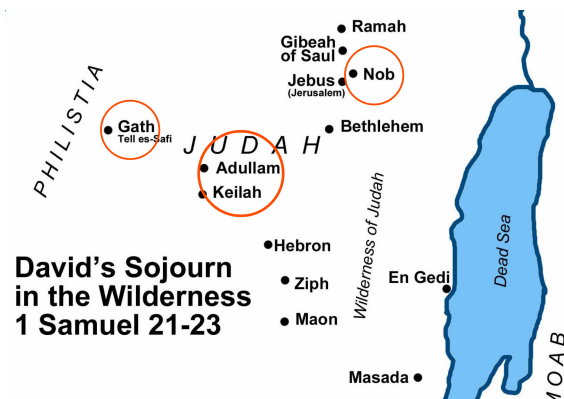


LOOKING FOR SANCTUARY

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Psalm 142:1-6 (prayer from Cave of Adullam)

¹I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.²I pour out my complaint before him; before him I tell my trouble.³When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who know my way. In the path where I walk men have hidden a snare for me.⁴Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.⁵I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."⁶Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me.

While David is running, hiding and surviving; he finds God giving...

- **Provision** – living bread for the journey ahead
- **Protection** – a living word, sword of the Spirit, for the battle we're in
- **Perspective** – eyes lifted Godward, setting circumstances under Sovereignty
- **Community** – sacred friends, fellow strugglers, reminded we're not alone

"This is perhaps the place to note that the story of David isn't set before us as a moral model to copy. David isn't a person whose actions we're inspired to imitate. In the company of David, we don't feel inadequate because we know we could never do it that well. Just the opposite: in the company of David we find someone who does it as badly as, or worse than, we do, but who in the process doesn't quit, doesn't withdraw from God. David's isn't an *idea*/life but an *actual*/life. We imaginatively enter the company of David not to improve our morals but to deepen our sense of human reality: *this* is what happens in the grand enterprise of being human." – Eugene Peterson