Bible Alive 365 – Day #108

1 Samuel 28-31; Psalm 18

1 Samuel 28:1-25 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men. **2** And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever. **3** Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. **4** And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. **5** And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. **6** And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. **7** Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. **8** And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me *him* up, whom I shall name unto thee. **9** And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? **10** And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, *As* the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. **11** Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. **12** And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou *art* Saul. **13** And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. **14** And he said unto her, What form *is* he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he *is* covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it *was* Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground, and bowed himself. **15** And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. **16** Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? **17** And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, *even* to David: **18** Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. **19** Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow *shalt* thou and thy sons *be* with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines. **20** Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night. **21** And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. **22** Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way. **23** But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed. **24** And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded *it,* and did bake unleavened bread thereof: **25** And

she brought *it* before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

1 Samuel 29:1-11 Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which *is* in Jezreel. **2** And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rereward with Achish. **3** Then said the princes of the Philistines, What *do* these Hebrews *here?* And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, *Is* not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell *unto me* unto this day? **4** And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? *should it* not *be* with the heads of these men? **5** *Is* not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands? **6** Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, *as* the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host *is* good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favour thee not. **7** Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines. **8** And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king? **9** And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou *art* good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. **10** Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart. **11** So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

1 Samuel 30:1-31 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; **2** And had taken the women captives, that *were* therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried *them* away, and went on their way. **3** So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, *it was* burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. **4** Then David and the people that *were* with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. **5** And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. **6** And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God. **7** And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. **8** And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake *them,* and without fail recover *all.* **9** So David went, he and the six hundred men that *were* with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. **10** But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor. **11** And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water; **12** And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk *any* water, three days and three nights. **13** And David said unto him, To whom *belongest* thou? and whence *art* thou? And he said, I *am* a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because

three days agone I fell sick. **14** We made an invasion *upon* the south of the Cherethites, and upon *the coast* which *belongeth* to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire. **15** And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company. **16** And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. **17** And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled. **18** And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. **19** And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: David recovered all. **20** And David took all the flocks and the herds, *which* they drave before those *other* cattle, and said, This *is* David's spoil. **21** And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that *were* with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them. **22** Then answered all the wicked men and *men* of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away, and depart. **23** Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand. **24** For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part *is* that goeth down to the battle, so *shall* his part *be* that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike. **25** And it was *so* from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day. **26** And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, *even* to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD; **27** To *them* which *were* in Bethel, and to *them* which *were* in south Ramoth, and to *them* which *were* in Jattir, **28** And to *them* which *were* in Aroer, and to *them* which *were* in Siphmoth, and to *them* which *were* in Eshtemoa, **29** And to *them* which *were* in Rachal, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Kenites, **30** And to *them* which *were* in Hormah, and to *them* which *were* in Chorashan, and to *them* which *were* in Athach, **31** And to *them* which *were* in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

1 Samuel 31:1-13 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. **2** And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons. **3** And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers. **4** Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. **5** And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. **6** So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together. **7** And when the men of Israel that *were* on the other side of the valley, and *they* that *were* on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. **8** And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. **9** And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish *it in* the house of their idols, and among the people. **10** And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan. **11** And when the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; **12** All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the

body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. **13** And they took their bones, and buried *them* under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

Psalms 18:1-50 To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day *that* the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said, I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. **2** The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower. **3** I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. **4** The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. **5** The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. **6** In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears. **7** Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. **8** There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. **9** He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet. **10** And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. **11** He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies. **12** At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire. **13** The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire. **14** Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them. **15** Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils. **16** He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters. **17** He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me. **18** They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. **19** He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. **20** The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. **21** For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. **22** For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me. **23** I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity. **24** Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight. **25** With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright; **26** With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward. **27** For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks. **28** For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. **29** For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. **30** *As for* God, his way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him. **31** For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God? **32** *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. **33** He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet,* and setteth me upon my high places. **34** He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. **35** Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great. **36** Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip. **37** I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed. **38** I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet. **39** For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me. **40** Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me. **41** They cried, but *there was* none to save *them: even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not. **42** Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets. **43** Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; *and* thou hast made me the head of the

heathen: a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me. **44** As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me. **45** The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places. **46** The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted. **47** *It is* God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me. **48** He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man. **49** Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name. **50** Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.