

I. The story

- A. After a miraculous providence, David and his 600 men return home
- B. The city burned, the families gone (see Deuteronomy 25:17-19; Exodus 17:8-16)
- C. Weeping, distress, and bitterness (see 1 Samuel 2:1)
- D. The inquiry and answer
- E. The chase
- F. Good Samaritans
- G. The Rout
- H. Justly dividing the spoils of war

II. The Lord's work

- A. Named three times in this chapter – each time crucial
- B. The Lord Strengthens his Anointed (see 1 Samuel 22:2; Nehemiah 8:10-11; Ephesians 6:10-12; Isaiah 41:10, 13; Psalm 18:1-2)
- C. The Lord directs his anointed (see 1 Samuel 23:1-13)
- D. The Lord gives victory to his anointed (see Psalm 3:8; Jonah 2:9)

III. The Anointed Gives Gifts to his people

- A. There are a lot of things we can focus on in this passage
- B. God speaks and works through every one of his people (see Ephesians 4:4-8; Romans 12:4-8).
- C. The body of Christ needs the gifts that every one of you has been given (see Mark 10:13-16).
- D. The way to discover the gifts God has given you is to *do* things.
- E. We are generous in the use of our gifts.
- F. Gifts are not accomplishments or rewards.
- G. Gifts glorify the giver.