

Saul Kills the Priests

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1 Samuel 22:7-23)*

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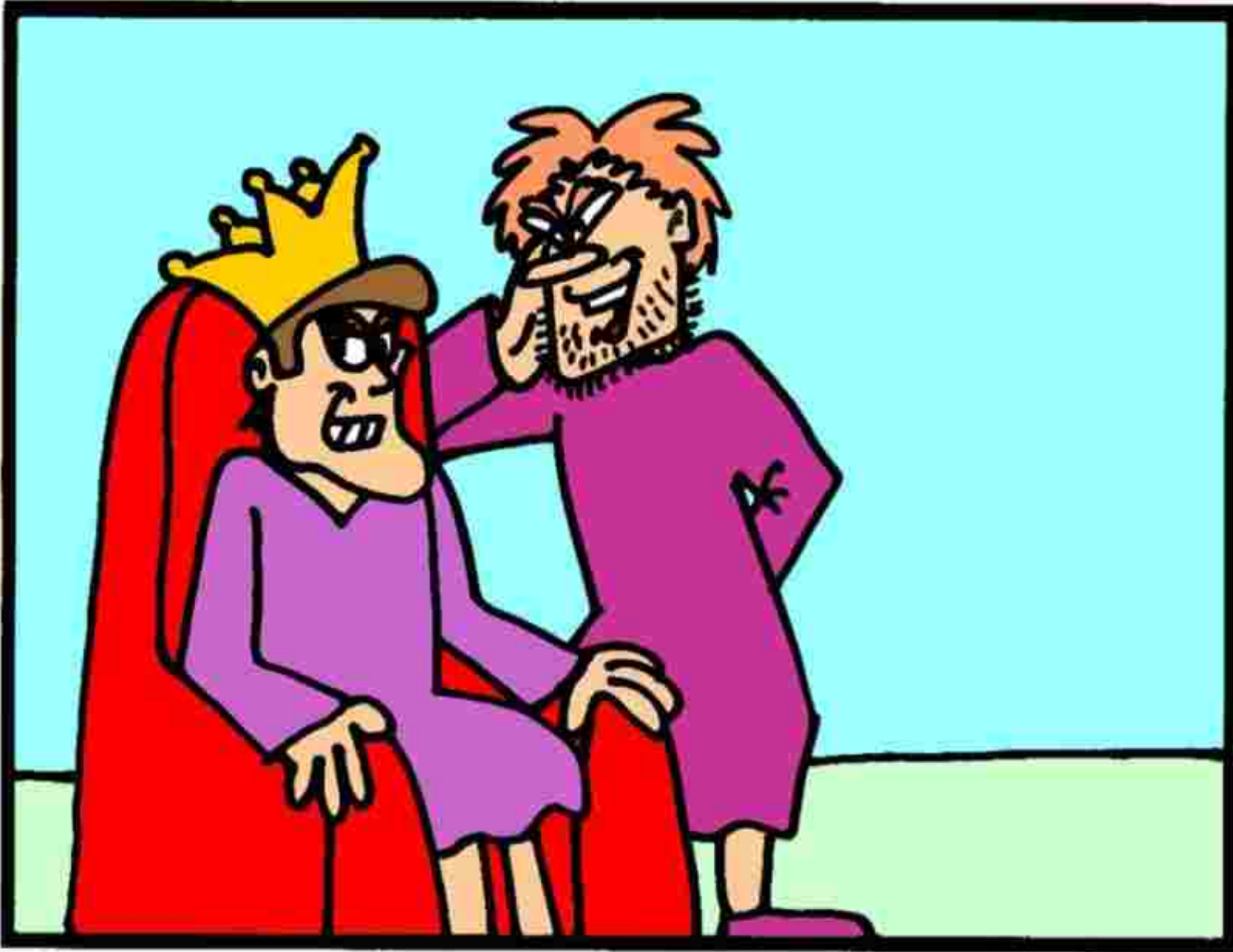
When David ran for his life to get away from old King Saul, he came to the town of Nob, where the priests of the Lord lived. Priest Ahimelech didn't know that David was running away from King Saul.



David asked for bread and the priest gave him the holy bread which was in God's tabernacle. Then they put new hot bread in its place.



David asked for a sword and the priest gave him the only sword they had. It was Goliath's sword. David was very happy to have Goliath's sword. Then he left in a hurry.



Now a certain man named Doeg was there and saw everything that happened. Doeg was a descendent from Esau and he was King Saul's servant. He told King Saul what he had seen.



King Saul called the priests to meet with him. “Why did you help David when he ran away from me?!!!!” “We didn’t know anything about that!” answered the priests.



“Kill all the Lord’s priests!” commanded Saul, but his soldiers would not do it. Then Saul commanded Doeg to kill them and he did. He killed eighty-five priests. Then he went to Nob and killed all the women and kids and animals.



One of Priest Ahimelech's sons escaped and came to David telling him what had happened. "I knew it that day I saw Doeg!" said David. "I caused the death of all the people in your family. Stay, you will be safe with me."



Lord, help me to always lift up those who serve you, not make their lives difficult. Help me to never just stand idly by while helpless people are being hurt if I have the ability to help