

MISSION, MISSIONS, QUEST

The angels told Lot to hurry up and escape to Zoar so that they could carry out their **mission** of destroying the cities around Sodom.

- **Genesis 19:22:** "Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar."

The five spies from the tribe of Dan believed that God could tell them if they were going to succeed in their **mission** (to find a place for them to live).

- **Judges 18:5:** "And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous."

God didn't tell Samuel how to hide his true intentions from Saul until Samuel asked how he could carry out God's **mission** without getting killed.

- **1 Samuel 16:2:** "And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD."

When Ahimelech asked David why he was alone, David told him that he was on a **mission** from Saul (which was a lie).

- **1 Samuel 21:2:** "And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have

commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place."

It seems Doeg didn't tell Saul the reason Ahimelech helped David was because David claimed to be on a **mission** from Saul. Apparently Doeg wanted to make it look like Ahimelech was David's ally, which wasn't the case.

- **1 Samuel 22:9-10:** "Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. And he enquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

There are times when the wicked openly urge others to join them in their **quest** to murder the innocent and steal their possessions.

- **Proverbs 1:11-13:** "If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:"

Demons can block angels and prevent them from completing their **mission**.

- **Daniel 10:13:** "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained

there with the kings of Persia."

After the disciples finished their **mission** assignments, they returned to Jesus and told Him what they had taught.

- **Mark 6:7, 12, 30:** "And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; ... And they went out, and preached that men should repent. ... And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught."
- **Luke 9:2, 10:** "And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. ... And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida."

When the multitude followed Jesus to a desert place He received them, even though He wanted to spend some time alone with His disciples after their **mission** trip.

- **Luke 9:10-11:** "And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing."

The part of the **mission** trip the 70 found most exciting wasn't preaching the gospel or healing the sick, but was casting out

demons. That's what impressed them the most (and Jesus rebuked them for it).

- **Luke 10:17, 20:** "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. ... Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

It seems the disciples carried weapons around with them during their **mission** trips with Jesus.

- **Luke 22:38:** "And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough."

It's good to show charity by helping the saints carry out their godly **missions**.

- **3 John 1:6:** "Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:"