
with Saul as before.

1 Samuel 19:8 Once more war broke out, and David went out and fought the Philistines. He struck them with such force that they fled before him. ⁹ But an evil spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the harp, ¹⁰ Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape.

David flees for his life

1 Samuel 19:11 Saul sent men to David's house to watch it and to kill him in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, warned him, If you don't run for your life tonight, tomorrow you'll be killed. ¹² So Michal let David down through a window, and he fled and escaped.

1 Samuel 19:13 Then Michal took an idol and laid it on the bed, covering it with a garment and putting some goats' hair at the head. ¹⁴ When Saul sent the men to capture David, Michal said, He is ill."

1 Sam. 19:15 Then Saul sent the men back to see David and told them, Bring him up to me in his bed so that I may kill him. ¹⁶ But when the men entered, there was the idol in the bed, and at the head was some goats' hair.

1 Samuel 19:17 Saul said to Michal, Why did you deceive me like this and send my enemy away so that he escaped? Michal told him, He said to me, 'Let me get away. Why should I kill you?'"

Jonathan and King Saul

The Life of David—part 3

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David's and Jonathan loyalty; Saul's jealousy of David

1 Samuel 18:1 After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ² From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house. ³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

Saul's jealousy

1 Samuel 18:5 Whatever Saul sent him to do, David did it so successfully that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the people, and Saul's officers as well. ⁶ When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. ⁷ As they danced, they sang: Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."

*1 Samuel 18:8 Saul was very angry; this refrain **galled** him. They have credited David with tens of thousands, he thought, but me with only thousands. **What more can he***

get but the kingdom?⁹ And from that time on Saul kept a **jealous eye** on David. ¹⁰ The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand ¹¹ and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him **■** twice.

v. 9 ...and Saul eyed David from that day and forward...

■ Saul takes matters into his own hands. God thwarts him every time

■ 1 Samuel 18:12 Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had left Saul. ¹³ So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand **■** men, and David led the troops in their campaigns. ¹⁴ In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him. ¹⁵ When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. ¹⁶ But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.

■ 1 Samuel 18:20 Now Saul's daughter Michal was in love with David, and when they told Saul about it, he was pleased. ²¹ "I will give her to him," he thought, "so that she may be a snare to him and so that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." So Saul said to David, "Now you have a second opportunity to become my son-in-law."

1 Samuel 18:25 Saul replied, "Say to David, 'The king wants no other price for the bride than a hundred Philistine foreskins, to take revenge on his enemies.'" Saul's plan was to have David fall by the hands of the Philistines.

■ 1 Samuel 18:30 The Philistine commanders continued to go **■** out to battle, and as often as they did, David met with more success than the rest of Saul's officers, and his name became well known.

"...be wise as serpents, harmless as doves."

■ 1 Samuel 19:1 Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan was very fond of **■** David ² and warned him, "My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there. ³ I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I'll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out."

■ 1 Samuel 19:4 Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his **■** servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. ⁵ He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?"

■ 1 Samuel 19:6 Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: **■** "As surely as the LORD lives, David will not be put to death."

1 Samuel 19:7 So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was
