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## I SAMUEL 19:8-17

### LESSON: SAUL'S ATTEMPTS ON DAVID'S LIFE

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#### INTRODUCTION:

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:1** And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. King Saul has gotten sick and tired since the Philistines couldn't kill David, so, he's called a meeting to speak with his son Jonathan and all his servants to urge them to kill David.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:2** But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself:— Well, we know that talk was not going to sit well with Jonathan according to 18:1. Their souls were knit together in unison. So after the meeting, Jonathan communicated with David that his father was out to kill him, so be careful and guard himself until morning. He was to stay in a secret place and keep himself hidden.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:3** And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee. You know the saying: keep your friends close, but keep your enemies closer. You want to know what your enemy is up to in order to protect yourself. So Jonathan says he'll go and stand beside his father in the field, meaning, keep an eye on him; see what he's up to. And by speaking to his father, he will see what's going on and will be able to tell David.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:4** And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good:— So, Jonathan is saying good things about David to Saul, his father, and trying to get him not to wrong or be against his servant David because he hasn't wronged him (the king) nor did any harm to him, because his works have been very good toward the king. He's always helped and behaved admirably in any way he could.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:5** For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Phillistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?— Jonathan continued to speak for the good of David to his father saying you know you put your life in David's hand when he killed the Philistine (Goliath). What a great victory of salvation for all of Israel, and then exclaiming "you saw it and rejoiced." So point blank Jonathan asks: *"Why would you want to murder (shed innocent blood of) an innocent man? There is no reason for it at all!"*

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:6** And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain. So, Saul heard and heeded the voice of Jonathan, and swore as the Lord lives that David shall not be killed. So, something got through to Saul and touched his heart for a moment.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:7** And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past. Jonathan was happy to hear that his father had changed his mind, so he calls for David to tell him all the things that Saul had said. Jonathan then brings David



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before Saul again in his presence, and it was as it had been before (a calm before the storm).

## LESSON: I. DANGER OF A JEALOUS KING I SAMUEL 19:8-10

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:8** **And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.** War broke out and David went out to lead his troops against the Philistines. They fought and killed them in great numbers and the Philistines fled from them.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:9** **And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.** Just as before, the Lord sends the evil spirit upon Saul while he's sitting in his house with a javelin (spear)—carnal weapon in his hand, while David is playing the harp—spiritual weapon with his hand.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:10** **And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.** So, while the music is playing, Saul's bitterness and rage has reached its point to where he sought to strike David; hurling the javelin (spear) trying to pin David to the wall, but David eluded; slipped away out of Saul's presence. So, Saul drove the javelin (spear) into the wall as David fled, and escaped that night.

## II. DELIVERANCE THROUGH A WINDOW I SAMUEL 19:11-12

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:11** **Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.** Saul had proven where his state of mind was, for he sent messengers to watch David's house; to see when he comes out so they could kill him in the morning. Michal, David's wife warned him that if he doesn't get away tonight to save his life, he would be dead by tomorrow. Michal is far from being a snare (18:21) as her father thought she would be. She became instrumental in saving David's life and displaying a covenantal love and faithfulness similar to her brother Jonathan.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:12** **So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.** Truly Saul did not expect this to happen. Michal helped David escape from the hand of her father Saul. He got down or lowered himself down through a window, stilling away, fleeing, and escaping in the night.

## III. DECEPTION OF A LOVING WIFE I SAMUEL 19:13-17

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:13** **And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.** Aha talking about a laid out plan coming together! Then Michal took an idol and laid it in the bed where David would have laid, and put a pillow of goats' hair at the head place and covered it with a cloth.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:14** **And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick.** And the messengers Saul had sent came to take David but Michal said he was sick, meaning he can't be disturbed.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:15** **And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.** So, evidently they bought that lie, but Saul didn't, so, he again sent messengers to David's house saying, *"Bring David and the bed so I can kill him!"*

**1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel 19:16** **And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster.** By now the messengers should be dumb-founded because they find out that there was only an image in the bed, a pillow of goat's hair for the head place, and no David!



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1<sup>ST</sup> Samuel **19:17** **And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that**

**he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?**— Saul is disappointed in his daughter Michal and asks why had she deceived him so, for she knew David was her father's enemy and she has sent him away; let him go free; and allowed him to escape. And to answer her father's question she lied by saying *"He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?"* Or another translation: *"He threatened to kill me if I didn't help!"*

## SUMMARY:

War broke out and David went out to lead his troops against the Philistines. They fought and killed them in great numbers and the Philistines fled from them. Just as before, the Lord sends the evil spirit upon Saul while he's sitting in his house with a javelin (spear) in his hand, while David is playing the harp with his hand. While the music is playing, Saul's bitterness and rage has reached its point to where he sought to strike David; hurling the javelin (spear) trying to pin David to the wall, but David eluded; slipped away out of Saul's presence. So, Saul drove the javelin (spear) into the wall as David fled, and escaped that night (**19:8-10**).

Saul had proven where his state of mind was, for he sent messengers to watch David's house; to see when he comes out so they could kill him in the morning. Michal, David's wife warned him that if he doesn't get away tonight to save his life, he would be dead by tomorrow. Michal helped David escape from the hand of her father Saul. He got down or lowered himself down through a window, stilling away, fleeing, and escaping in the night (**19:11-12**).

Then she took an idol and laid it in the bed where David would have laid, and put a pillow of goats' hair at the head place and covered it with a cloth. And the messengers Saul sent came to take David, but Michal said he was sick, meaning he can't be disturbed. Saul didn't buy that, and sent messengers back to David's house again saying, *"Bring David and the bed so I can kill him!"* By now the messengers couldn't find David at all. They just found the image and pillow of goat's hair. Saul asked his daughter Michal *"why she had deceived him knowing that David was his enemy and let him escape?"* And she answered with a lie saying *"He threatened to kill me if I didn't help!"* (**19:13-17**).

