

1 Samuel 19

King James Version (KJV)

19 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. (Saul is plotting murder)

(He has turned into a typical corrupt leader. He's not even trying to hide his intent. It didn't take long. Saul was the first man king of Israel and he's corrupt. Israel should have remained under God's rule)

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: (Jonathan is risking his life by warning David)

(God chose David's seed line to come into the world as Jesus. HE won't let David get killed. Satan was still trying to destroy the seed line of Jesus. Jesus will come through the lineage of Nathan, David's son)

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. (Jonathan is a good man, not a murderer, like Saul. He will covertly pass on information to keep David safe)

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: (Jonathan is speaking the truth. That won't matter to Saul. He's totally corrupt and wants to hold on to power at any cost – including by committing murder)

⁵ For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, 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? (David put his life on the line, when no one else would, to face Goliath. God saved Israel, through David)

⁶ And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain. (Saul is lying – even to the point of taking an oath to God. He is beyond salvation. He must suspect that Jonathan is helping David. He will still continue to try to kill David)

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. (This "peace" between Saul and David won't last long)

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. (David has the Spirit of God upon him. He is courageous, wise and successful)

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. (David was trying to pacify Saul with harp music)

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 much for Saul's oath to God. This is Saul's 3rd attempt on David's life. Saul's servants will try to kill David 6 more times)

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. (Jonathan and Michal are on David's side because they know that he is innocent. They must realize that Saul is insane. They are both risking their life by warning David)

¹² So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

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. (an image = a teraphim <in the Hebrew> – an statue, probably of a pagan god)

(This demonstrates how far away from God that Saul and Israel were drifting – right back into idolatry, again)

¹⁴ And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. (Michal is risking her life to protect David from the king)

¹⁵ And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. (Saul deserves to die at this point. If he could get his hands on David, he would kill him, without a second thought)

NOTE: (David wrote about what he went through at this time in Psalms-59. He lived in fear of the king. And all he could do was flee and hide; because he didn't want to be the man who slew one of God's anointed – a king of Israel. He was in a very difficult position)

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. (Many of these servants were looking to kill David; in order to get themselves promoted in Saul's court)

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? (Michal pretended that David had threatened her)

(This is a good tactic to save her life. Saul is already trying to kill David for jealousy sake. What more could he do to David for threatening Michal?)

¹⁸ So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. (Naioth was training school for prophets and priests. Many years later, Elijah and Elisha also went there)

NOTES: (It was a good idea for David to go get instruction from Samuel. Samuel had God's ear. The Spirit of God was also with Samuel)

(We can do the same today. When we are at a crossroads in life, and we don't know what to do; we can go directly to God to seek advice. But, we don't need to ask a prophet any more. Jesus made that possible for us)

¹⁹ And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

²⁰ And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. (God stopped them in their tracks)

²¹ And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. (Saul cannot prevail against God)

²² Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

²³ And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

²⁴ And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets? (naked – without his outer garment and his armor and weapons; God is in control, whether Saul likes it or not)