1 Samuel 19:1-24   **Saul Sought to kill David**

Saul commanded Jonathan and all his servants to kill David – Jonathan defended David

1 Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David; but Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted greatly in David.

2 So Jonathan told David, saying, "My father Saul seeks to kill you. Therefore please be on your guard until morning, and stay in a secret *place* and hide. **3** And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you *are,* and I will speak with my father about you. Then what I observe, I will tell you."

4 Thus Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his servant, against David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his works *have been* very good toward you. **5** For he took his life in his hands and killed the Philistine, and the LORD brought about a great deliverance for all Israel. You saw *it* and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?"

6 So Saul heeded the voice of Jonathan, and Saul swore, "*As* the LORD lives, he shall not be killed." **7** Then Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these things. So Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as in times past.

David's victory in war with Philistines

8 And there was war again; and David went out and fought with the Philistines, and struck them with a mighty blow, and they fled from him.

Distressing Spirit – Saul cast his spear at David – David escaped

9 Now the distressing spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing *music* with *his* hand. **10** Then Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away from Saul's presence; and he drove the spear into the wall. So David fled and escaped that night.

Saul sent party to David's house to kill David – Michal helped David escape

11 Saul also sent messengers to David's house to watch him and to kill him in the morning. And Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed." **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, put a cover of goats' *hair* for his head, and covered *it* with clothes. **14** So when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He *is* sick."

15 Then Saul sent the messengers *back* to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him." **16** And when the messengers had come in, there was the image in the bed, with a cover of goats' *hair* for his head. **17** Then Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this, and sent my enemy away, so that he has escaped?"

And Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I kill you?'"

David went to Samuel at Ramah – Samuel and David went and stayed in Naioth

18 So David fled and escaped, and went to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.

Saul sent three parties to take David in Naioth – Those sent prophesied when the Spirit of God came upon them

19 Now it was told Saul, saying, "Take note, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah!" **20** Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. **21** And when Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. Then Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

Saul himself went to Naioth to get David – The Spirit of God came upon Saul and he prophesied

22 Then he also went to Ramah, and came to the great well that *is* at Sechu. So he asked, and said, "Where *are* Samuel and David?" And *someone* said, "Indeed *they are* at Naioth in Ramah." **23** So he went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. **24** And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "*Is* Saul also among the prophets?"*

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Facts Revealed:
- ✿ Saul was afraid of David since the Holy Spirit had departed from Saul and Saul saw that Yehowah was with David. [1 Samuel 18:12, 29]
- ✿ Saul issued a command to his servants and to Jonathan to kill David. [1 Samuel 19:1]
- ✿ Jonathan warned David and defended him before his father Saul, Saul accepted Jonathan's defense plea and David was returned to his musical service before Saul. [1 Samuel 19:2-7]
- ✿ David fought another war with the Philistines and was victorious. [1 Samuel 19:8]
- ✿ The distressing spirit from Yahweh troubled Saul, and as David was playing music Saul attempted to pin David to the wall with his spear, but David eluded the spear and escaped. [1 Samuel 19:9-10]
- ✿ Saul sent men to David's house to kill David, but Michal helped David escape. [1 Samuel 19:11-17]
- ✿ David fled from Saul and went to Samuel in Ramah, then both Samuel and David went to Naioth to stay. [1 Samuel 19:18]
- ✿ When Saul heard that David was at Naioth he sent men to arrest David, but when Saul's men saw prophets prophesying and Samuel leading them the Spirit of Elohiym came upon the men sent by Saul and they also prophesied. This happened three times. [1 Samuel 19:19-21]
- ✿ Saul himself went to Naioth in Ramah to get David, but when he arrived the Spirit of Elohiym was upon him also and he prophesied even stripping off his cloths and laying naked all that day and night. The people said, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" [1 Samuel 19:22-24]
  - ✧ Fear drives a man to unbelievable acts of rashness.
  - ✧ God is able to deliver His own in various ways when He chooses to do so, though He often allows them to be tested to the limit.