



THE BOOK OF samuel



Week 21: Saul's Continued Efforts to Kill David.

Read 1 Samuel 19:1-7

1. Summarize the arguments that Jonathan makes for sparing David's life. Why does Saul end up listening to Jonathan?

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 19:8-10

3. Saul just made an oath that David would not be killed. But after some time, Saul seems to change his mind rather rapidly. What could the cause for a sudden change of heart like this be?

Answer:

Read 1 Samuel 19:11-17

3. Michal seems to trust in her idol to help and deliver David. Saul's hope in giving Michal to David was so that she may lead him astray through idol worship. We can certainly say that having an idol at home is poor household management, but when we take a look at Psalm 59, we are reminded in whom David trusts this whole time.

Psalm 59

For the director of music. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." Of David. A miktam. When Saul had sent men to watch David's house in order to kill him.

1 Deliver me from my enemies, O God; be my fortress against those who are attacking me. 2 Deliver me from evildoers and save me from those who are after my blood. 3 See how they lie in wait for me! Fierce men conspire against me for no offense or sin of mine, Lord. 4 I have done no wrong, yet they are ready to attack me. Arise to help me; look on my plight! 5 You, Lord God Almighty, you who are the God of Israel, rouse yourself to punish all the nations; show no mercy to wicked traitors. 6 They return at evening, snarling like dogs, and prowl about the city. 7 See what they spew from their mouths— the words from their lips are sharp as swords, and they think, "Who can hear us?" 8 But you laugh at them, Lord; you scoff at all those nations. 9 **You are my strength, I watch for you; you, God, are my fortress, 10 my God on whom I can rely. God will go before me and will let me gloat over those who slander me.** 11 But do not kill them, Lord our shield, or my people will forget. In your might uproot them and bring them down. 12 For the sins of their mouths, for the words of their lips, let them be caught in their pride. For the curses and lies they utter, 13 consume them in your wrath, consume them till they are no more. Then it will be known to the ends of the earth that God rules over Jacob. 14 They return at evening, snarling like dogs, and prowl about the city. 15 They wander about for food and howl if not satisfied. **16 But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble. 17 You are my strength, I sing praise to you; you, God, are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely.**

Read 1 Samuel 19:18-24

4. Out of all the places, and all people, why would David flee to Samuel at Ramah?

Answer:

5. Saul's plan is foiled as those who were meant to carry out a great sin instead glorified God and prophesied His truth! Even Saul is led to do this. But how do we explain that the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon Saul when he was anointed, then was taken away due to his sin, but now comes upon him again? Is Saul king again? Is the Spirit of God with Saul again? If that seems unlikely, what other explanation for this could there be?

Answer: