

1 Samuel Lesson 35 Saul's Open Pursuit of David and David's Protection

Key Themes in 1 Samuel :

- The connection between our obedience and our relationship to God
- God opposes the proud and exalts the humble
- Despite human evil, God is working out His purposes in history
- Kingship in Israel and God's plan to one day raise up an anointed divine king

Background:

teraphim or household idol: they were idols that a family possessed. They came in various sizes or shapes. The one in 1 Samuel 19 was probably a wooden block roughly shaped to resemble a human figure. They were specifically condemned in scripture (2 Kings 23:24)

Key Words:

to put to death : Strong's H4191 : "muth" to kill. slay, put to death, cause to die' . This phrase appears 6 times in 1 Samuel 19

Read I Samuel 19:1-17

Saul's schemes to entrap David at the end of 1 Samuel 18 did not work. God had protected David and caused him to prosper.

1. According to 19:1 what did Saul openly order his servants and son to do?

Application: Jealousy and fear in Saul had progressed to an open intent to murder. What warning can we take from Saul concerning sin that is not dealt with in our lives? How does it affect not only us but others around us?

2. In 1 Samuel 19:2-7 God used Jonathan to help protect David. How did he protect him? What risk was involved? Where was Jonathan's loyalty and why? See 1 Samuel 18:3-4

3. According to 19:6 what oath or vow did Saul make? In 19:8-9 what made Saul go back on his vow? What character flaws does this reveal in Saul?

4. Compare Saul's regard for the vow he made in 19:6 with Jonathan's regard for the vow he made with David in 18:3-4. What does God say in Ecclesiastes 5:4-6 about making a vow? What does this teach us about keeping the vows we make to God?

5. According to 19:11-18 who did God use to protect David a second time? How did she protect him? What risk was involved? How did this go against Saul's original purpose for the marriage in 18:20,21?

Application: Who or what has Saul been relying upon in his pursuit of David? How has David responded to Saul's attacks? When attacked by an enemy, friend, etc. what can we learn from David about the proper way to handle them.?

