



“The Anatomy of Envy”

1 Samuel 18

LISTEN

Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:

SHARE

In what areas and on what occasions does envy or jealousy tend to show up in your life?

REFLECT

- a) Read 1 Samuel 18.
- b) Look up “envy” in a dictionary. What does it mean?

- c) Read Proverbs 14:30. Why do you think envy “rots the bones”? According to this verse, what is the opposite of envy?

- d) What things caused King Saul to be envious of David?

- e) Underneath every surface sin is a deeper or root sin. What was the “sin beneath the sin” of envy in Saul?

- f) How did envy manifest itself in Saul's life?

- g) Why did Saul want to give his daughter Michal in marriage to David (vss. 20-22)? What do you think about David's response to this offer in verses 23-27?

- h) Do you think God was using David's successes to change Saul or to punish him? Explain.

APPLY

- a) Do you have a problem with jealousy toward other people? If so, to what do you attribute it?

- b) What do you learn from Saul's bad example?

- c) Rather than repenting of his envy, it seems Saul used control and manipulation to make himself feel better. How do you try to control your environment and use power rather than repentance to elevate yourself over others?

- d) Have you ever wished harm for someone else because of envy? What should you do about that?

- e) What is the cure for envy?

PRAY

- a) Pray for the safe and timely completion of the widening of Rouse Road.
- b) Remember our elders as they work on the budget for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.
- c) Pray for Ande Johnson, our campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at UCF. He faces a busy summer, highlighted by a summer conference in May and a mission trip to Ireland in June-July. Pray that he and Kelly will get refreshed and recharged this summer.