

1 Now Saul told Jonathan his son and all his servants to put David to death. But Jonathan, Saul's son, greatly delighted in David. 2 So Jonathan told David saying, "Saul my father is seeking to put you to death. Now therefore, please be on guard in the morning, and stay in a secret place and hide yourself. 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; if I find out anything, then I shall tell you." 4 Then Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Do not let the king sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds have been very beneficial to you. 5 "For he took his life in his hand and struck 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, by putting David to death without a cause?"

Jon--*There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother...* these are valuable & few & far between. You can mess up & they stick w/ you, still there. He warns David of father's intentions, counsels him to hide out.

Saul--When leave Lord you open yourself up to all sorts of strange & demonic voices that lie to you, fill you w/ fear, perverse thoughts, paranoia and self centered indulgent kind of lifestyle.

Saul to kill David because he's winning battles, popular w/ people & Saul can't stand anyone getting more attention than him. *God has rejected you.* Jon speaks to his father, intercedes for David

Pr 16:12 The wise in heart will be called discerning, And sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness. Pr 25:15 By forbearance a ruler may be persuaded, And a soft tongue breaks the bone. Pr 18:21 Life and death are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat it's fruit.

Our words and how we use them can draw or drive away. *Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word fitly spoken Pr 25:11*

6 And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul vowed, "As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death." 7 Then Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these words. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as formerly. 8 When there was war again, David went out and fought with the Philistines, and defeated them with great slaughter, so that they fled before him. 9 Now there was an evil spirit from the LORD on Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand, and David was playing the harp with his hand. 10 And Saul tried to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, so that he stuck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night.

David a man of duty & faithful to the king—trusting Jon yet questioning. Proves himself further by defeating Israel's enemy, a benefit to Saul. When one gives self over to evil God will accommodate & send evil spirit to torment.

All the while achieving God's long standing purposes...making a man of God, prepared to rule over God's people (David) while Exposing & demoting one who is not God's man...who proved himself unfaithful thus unworthy. David's success provoked Saul's jealousy-failure would appease--Sad when pastors cave to liberal Board in order to appease

Saul wanted David to be less than God made him...to be like Saul, compromised & pandering instead of man after God's own heart. Are we threatened by those better than us? It's best to partner w/ them.

When F. B. Meyer was Pastor in London, Charles Spurgeon was preaching at Metropolitan Tabernacle, & G. Campbell Morgan was at Westminster Chapel. Meyer said, "I was envious of the crowds they were drawing but I was not. Finally I got my boot on the enemies throat and prayed God send a revival, bless my own little flock & bless me, God fill my pews' Then I prayed for my big brother, Mr. Spurgeon, on the right-hand side of my church, 'God bless him'; and God bless my other big brother, Campbell Morgan, on the other side of my church, 'God did bless them & I got the overflow of their cups & it filled my little bucket.'"

2nd time spear at David—he risked his life serving Saul and rendered good for evil—trusted God for his wellbeing.

Saul vowed before God :6 then broke it '***a righteous man swears to his own hurt and does not change***' Man of the flesh always contends w/ fights against man of spirit. It is our battle w/in....**Romans 8:15-READ**

11 Then Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, in order to put him to death in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be put to death." 12 So Michal let David down through a window, & he went out & fled and escaped. 13 And Michal took the household idol & laid it on the bed, & put a quilt of goats' hair at its head, & covered it w/ clothes. 14 When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick." 15 Then Saul sent messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me on his bed, that I may put him to death." 16 When the messengers entered, behold, the household idol was on the bed w/ the quilt of goats' hair at its head. 17 So Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this & let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?" And Michal said to Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I put you to death?'"

Snare? Flighty woman--she not a **'stick by your man'** wife. Loves David helps him flee but gives him up when her father is displeased. She's like her father lies to stay out of trouble & to appease others. Double minded unstable, **leave & cleave**—is it dad or David you are loyal to?

Teraphim—life size household idols for divination—condemned by God as was polygamy—Compromise. Her lies incriminate David. Ps 59 composed.

If persecuted in one city flee to the next....natural means of escape as David thru the window & supernatural as Peter in prison chains fell, door opened Acts 12

18 Now David fled and escaped and came to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth. 19 And it was told Saul, saying, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

Stability, experience, safety w/ mentor and mature man of God. He anointed David years earlier as a youth. Godly people when hurting gravitate to fathers of the faith, those of integrity and longevity. Sam prophesied David as king, now needs reassurance, hope & faith built up. A great contrast to the strife in Saul's court. ***'Better is a bowl of vege where peace is than a fatted calf w/ strife' Pr 15:17***

" 20 Then Saul sent messengers to take David, but when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing and presiding over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul; and they also prophesied. 21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. So Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied. 22 Then he himself went to Ramah, and came as far as the large well that is in Secu; and he asked and said, "Where are Samuel and David?" And someone said, "Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah." 23 And he proceeded there to Naioth in Ramah; and the Spirit of God came upon him also, so that he went along prophesying continually until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24 And he also stripped off his clothes, and he too prophesied before Samuel and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

Power of the Spirit over the flesh in dealing w/ difficult people and spiritual battles. *Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 2Cor 10: 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.*

Three times Saul's servants overwhelmed by Holy Spirit and prophecy God's message to Saul's messengers. Why rebellious Saul prophecy? God's grace and mercy seeking to win him back, who started out humble.

Plus God's protection upon David. Providence of God is powerful. When Spirit of God falls people can do some odd and crazy things, carnal things.

Not evidence of Saul now right w/ God. *Matt 7: 22“Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ 23“And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’*

Jerusalem syndrome-- The Jerusalem syndrome is an acute psychotic state observed in tourists and pilgrims who visit Jerusalem. The main symptom of this disorder is identification with a character from the Bible and exhibiting behaviours which seems to be typical for this character.