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It is quite incredible that people can develop a hatred of a person or people to the point that they want them dead. It may be understandable if a person's anger is for retaliation of what another person did to their family. But anger based on a desire for power is beyond reason. We see what is going on in Africa with Muslim's killing Christians. It is a hatred birthed from Satan toward God and all that call Him God and His Son our Savior.

We see that in our current politics where one side wants the other side to die so they can again have power. A nation dividing as we live this very day, brought about by the same entity that destroyed King Saul. Satan loves chaos and is the author of lies according to God's Word.

King Saul began his fall from Grace through ego and the desire for power. God finally had no other recourse than to turn him over to Satan's demon.

John 8: [44](#)Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no

truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Did God give Saul over to Satan and his demons to save Saul's soul?

1 Corinthians 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Samuel 19

Jonathan Warns David

1And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

Again, how do you get to that point in your life? It is evil to the core and only serves Satan and his goal of death and lies.

2But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret *place*, and hide thyself:

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

As David progressed through life, he learned many Spiritual lessons that we can learn today. One vital lesson came from

things like hiding from Saul. David knew that his security was in God's hands.

Psalms 32:7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

In a secret defiance of his own father King Saul, the heir to the throne proves his friendship to David. We are not told that Jonathan knows David's future, but we know he was a friend who shared a love of God.

3And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

The saying that blood is thicker than water of course refers to the allegiance toward family over anything else. Jonathan has concluded that his father is not mentally well. We are not told if Jonathan knows his father is haunted by a demon, but the text shows that everyone else was aware or suspected it.

Jonathan goes to the aid of David with King Saul. The problem with mental instability compounded by demon possession or influence cannot be trusted for any sound decision.

4And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works *have been to*

theeward very good: [5](#)For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest *it*, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

Jonathan makes a compelling case that David was a loyal servant to Saul and Israel. David risked his life to slay Goliath. David has not sinned against the King and is an innocent man.

Saul knows from God that he is to be replaced and may see that replacement as David. Therefore, his reasoning is killing David to save my crown.

[6](#)And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain. [7](#)And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

Satan is the father of lies as we have seen. Saul perhaps in a decent frame of mind welcomed David back into his home. But we know that as Satan saw Saul reach out to David that Satan sent out his demons again to kill David.

As to David the upcoming King of Israel God promised David's kingdom would last forever, unlike Saul. Satan knowing that and

likely that it would lead to King Jesus thought to kill David and stop the lineage.

Saul Seeks to Kill David

8And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

David acting the King did all that God asked of him, but for Saul it was enraging to see David succeed. Likely it enraged Satan as well.

9And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with *his* hand. **10**And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

Well, that is the second time Saul tried to slay David with a javelin. One would think if the same guy sat in his chair with likely the same javelin that he tried to kill you with before then you would be on edge which David likely was.

Michal Saves David

[\(Acts 9:23-25\)](#)

11Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

Saul's son and now his daughter side with David over their own father. There comes a time when a family may split up over beliefs. In this case Saul driven by demons and his children driven by God. Michal is aware that Saul has sent men to kill her husband and tells David so.

12So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. 13And Michal took an image, and laid *it* in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster, and covered *it* with a cloth. 14And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He *is* sick. 15And Saul sent the messengers *again* to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. 16And when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster.

17And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

These last verses show the love of Michal for David to help him escape and craft an excuse to protect her husband. She is well aware of the evil in her father as are the men sent to kill David. Everyone is afraid of Saul; he has shown his brutality and hatred of David.

When the men are sent again to bring David even in his bed so Saul can slay him, Michal makes an excuse to save her own life,

telling her father when he confronts her as to the ruse she used. She claims David said he would kill her if she did not help him. Again, Michal knew the violence and brutality of her father and that he would kill her as well.

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

Samuel is still Israel's Prophet and Priest and what David told him did not surprise him. God had told Samuel that Saul would be removed as King and Samuel told that to Saul. Ramah is of course where we first met Samuel where he spent most of his time.

Naioth is believed to be within Ramah, a stronghold of prophets led by Samuel. It would be a place of protection and rest for David from being pursued by King Saul. It was considered perhaps a holy place and violence would not be tolerated.

19And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah. 20And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

It is a strange thing that happens here and when the troops show up to the compound of the prophets that God intervenes in their

very lives. God is capable and renowned for changing hearts and minds.

Exodus 14:24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

2 Kings 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

21And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

God's barriers are impenetrable. So, when the troops can't do what the King wants the King goes himself.

22Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and said, **Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth in Ramah.**

Sechu is a city near Ramah and it like many towns had a cistern to hold water. It was often a place that people would gather. When Saul asks where David and Samuel are he is told the same thing he had been told before.

23And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

The barrier of God is not only impenetrable it is also irresistible. Saul even though hindered by an evil spirit could not resist the presence of God with the Prophets of Samuel and fell to their power.

24And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, *Is Saul also among the prophets?*

Removal of his kingly garments is thought to show his losing his kingdom to God, and Saul cannot resist the power of the Holy Spirit. He was not naked but was without his outer garments and laying prostrate showed his submission to God.

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