

The Life of David – Lesson 4

On The Run

9. Jonathan Intercedes for David

I Samuel 19:1-7, 1065 B.C., Age 20

- vs. 1 – Saul is open in his intention to kill David
- vs. 2-3 – Note that David hides that night, but it is in a place that he can overhear the conversation between Saul and Jonathan
- vs. 6-7 – the truce won't last long...

♪ **Psalm 11**

- Spurgeon calls this “The Song of the Steadfast”

♪ **Psalm 12**

- Spurgeon: “It is supposed to have been written while Saul was persecuting David, and those who favored his cause.”

10. War Against the Philistines

I Samuel 19:8, 1065 B.C., Age 20

- David is the hero of the day, again upstaging Saul with his actions.

11. Saul Attempts to Kill David Again

I Samuel 19:9-10, 1065 B.C., Age 20

- vs. 9 – note that David is back playing the harp as a servant to Saul.
- vs.10 – “David fled” and was on the run for the next 10 years.

12. Michal Saves David

I Samuel 19:11-17, 1065 B.C., Age 20

- vs. 13 – “teraphim”, almost certainly an idol. Why does she have this?
- vs. 17 – Michal seems to me to be playing both sides. She saves her husband's life but does not defend him against Saul's charges.

♪ **Psalm 58**

- John Gill: “Kimchi [a 13th century rabbi] says it was written on account of Abner, and the rest of Saul's princes, who judged David as a rebel against the government, and said it was for Saul to pursue after him to slay him; for if they had restrained him, Saul would not have pursued after him; and indeed they seem to be wicked judges who are addressed in this psalm...”

♪ Psalm 59

- Spurgeon: "Affliction is the tuner of the harps of sanctified songsters."

12. Saul Attempts to Pursue David

I Samuel 19:18-24, 1065 B.C., Age 20

- To me, this is one of the funniest passages in the Old Testament. Everyone that chases after David gets caught up in a revival!
- vs. 24 – Saul was not "naked" in the modern sense: he had taken off his outer, probably royal, robe. This detail shows the sincerity of Saul's action.
- vs. 24 – "Is Saul also among the prophets?" – means something is unexpected.

13. Jonathan Warns David with Arrows

I Samuel 20:1-42, 1065 B.C., Age 20

- vs. 5 – The new moon heralded a new month, celebrated with sacrifices and blowing trumpets - Numbers 10:10, 28:11-15
- vs. 5 - David and Jonathan are discussing this on the last day of a month (30th), which would be day one of three. The new moon began the new day on the 1st, which would be day two of three. Therefore, David would remain hidden until the evening of the 2nd, which would be day three.
- vs. 5-7 - basically this test is to see how Saul reacts to David's absence. If Saul noticed and had no problem with the secure offered, then that was a sign that everything was OK. However, if Saul noticed and became angry (which he probably would since he seems determined to kill David at the earliest chance), then Jonathan would know Saul truly intended to kill David.
- vs. 21-22 - to summarize: if Jonathan's servant retrieves the arrows, Saul is *not* planning on murdering David; if Jonathan's servant does not retrieve the arrows, Saul *is* planning on murdering David. This is a brilliant method of covert communication.
- vs. 33 – You would think someone would have hidden that spear by now.
- vs. 42 - these two will meet only once more.