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People praised David, Saul started to kill

1 Samuel 18

18:7 And all the women danced and sang and spoke, and Saul slew thousands, and David slew tens thousands.

18:8 Saul was very angry and did not like this, so he said, Give all to David and all to me, and the throne is left for him.

Soothing a Restless and Troubled Heart: Revelation from 1 Samuel 18

In 1 Samuel chapter 18, we see Saul's resentment and jealousy of David, which led to irritability and turmoil in his heart. We are also often faced with troubles and distractions in life, and this passage provides some profound insights into how we can find peace in difficult situations.

The women danced and sang the praises of Saul for killing thousands and David for killing tens thousands. This passage depicts the deeds of the two heroes, yet Saul was deeply dissatisfied and angry because of it. This makes us think that sometimes even though we have many accomplishments, inner discontent can grow in our lives.

Saul's remarks show his attachment to power and status, and he wants all the glory to be his own. However, this mindset brings inner irritability and turmoil that prevents him from enjoying what he has. This reminds us that it's good to pursue glory and success, but we should also learn to be content with the present moment and not let excessive desires destroy our peace of mind.

In this passage, we see Saul's anger and loss, but we also see David's humility and forbearance. David did not become complacent because of Saul's displeasure, but on the contrary, he maintained a humble attitude. This reminds us that when we face the jealousy and resentment of others, we should be humble and tolerant in order to build healthier relationships.

So, when we feel the turmoil in our hearts, we may be able to draw some inspiration from the stories of David and Saul. We can examine our own state of mind, whether we are too attached to power and status, whether we are overly pursuing outer glory and neglecting inner peace. Staying humble, forgiving, and learning to be content with the present moment while pursuing success may help us soothe our inner turmoil and find true peace. Let us seek God's guidance in prayer to calm our restless hearts.

There are many passages in the Bible about power, domination, and attachment, and one example is the story of King Solomon. Solomon was the third king of Israel, and he was known for his wisdom and wealth. However, in 1 Kings 11 of the Bible, it is described that Solomon disobeyed God's commands by marrying many Gentile wives and worshipping other gods. This attachment to power and worship of other gods led to God's displeasure with Solomon, which ultimately foreshadowed the division of his later kingdom, and there are many references to humble teachings in the Bible. Here are some of these chapters:

Philippians 2:3-4: "Do not be divided or vain in anything, but be humble in heart, each one of whom shall consider others better than himself, and let each one look not only to his own interests but also to the interests of others." "

Matthew 23:12: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." "

James 4:6: "Therefore it is written, 'God hinders the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'" 』 "

I Peter 5:5-6: "Be obedient to the young, and submit to the old, that is, all of you to gird yeast in humility and submit to one another, for 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'" Therefore humble yourselves and submit yourselves to the mighty hand of God, and in due time he will exalt you. "

These verses emphasize humility in relationships with God and in relationships, letting go of arrogance, serving one another, respecting others, and being humble in all matters. This story reflects the Bible's lesson about the consequences of clinging to power and going against God's will.

We pray together

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You and thank You for giving us life and faith. Give us the humility to be thankful in all things, knowing that all things come from Your grace.

Lord, we plead with You to help us not to fall into pride. Let humility be our guide to how we behave, so that we are not self-centered and focus on loving and serving others. Guard our hearts from the temptations of the world, and let us always remember Your Word and rely on Your grace.

Lord, may Your Spirit work in our hearts so that we may find true strength in humility. Teach us to be a testimony to Your glory in our lives. Thank you for hearing our prayers and praying in Jesus' name, amen.

1 Samuel

CHAPTER 18

1Sa. 18:1 After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became

one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.

1Sa. 18:2 From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house.

1Sa. 18:3 And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

1Sa. 18:4 Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

1Sa. 18:5 Whatever Saul sent him to do, David did it so successfully [Or wisely] that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the people, and Saul's officers as well.

1Sa. 18:6 When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes.

1Sa. 18:7 As they danced, they sang: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."

1Sa. 18:8 Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?"

1Sa. 18:9 And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

1Sa. 18:10 The next day an evil [Or injurious] spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand

1Sa. 18:11 and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

1Sa. 18:12 Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had left Saul.

1Sa. 18:13 So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns.

1Sa. 18:14 In everything he did he had great success, [Or he was very wise] because the LORD was with him.

1Sa. 18:15 When Saul saw how successful [Or wise] he was, he was afraid of him.

1Sa. 18:16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.

1Sa. 18:17 Saul said to David, "Here is my older daughter Merab. I will give her to you in marriage; only serve me bravely and fight the battles of the LORD." For Saul said to himself, "I will not raise a hand against him. Let the Philistines do that!"

1Sa. 18:18 But David said to Saul, “Who am I, and what is my family or my father’s clan in Israel, that I should become the king’s son-in-law?”

1Sa. 18:19 So [Or However,] when the time came for Merab, Saul’s daughter, to be given to David, she was given in marriage to Adriel of Meholah.

1Sa. 18:20 Now Saul’s daughter Michal was in love with David, and when they told Saul about it, he was pleased.

1Sa. 18:21 “I will give her to him,” he thought, “so that she may be a snare to him and so that the hand of the Philistines may be against him.” So Saul said to David, “Now you have a second opportunity to become my son-in-law.”

1Sa. 18:22 Then Saul ordered his attendants: “Speak to David privately and say, ‘Look, the king is pleased with you, and his attendants all like you; now become his son-in-law.’”

1Sa. 18:23 They repeated these words to David. But David said, “Do you think it is a small matter to become the king’s son-in-law? I’m only a poor man and little known.”

1Sa. 18:24 When Saul’s servants told him what David had said,

1Sa. 18:25 Saul replied, “Say to David, ‘The king wants no other price for the bride than a hundred Philistine foreskins, to take revenge on his enemies.’” Saul’s plan was to have David fall by the hands of the Philistines.

1Sa. 18:26 When the attendants told David these things, he was pleased to become the king’s son-in-law. So before the allotted time elapsed,

1Sa. 18:27 David and his men went out and killed two hundred Philistines. He brought their foreskins and presented the full number to the king so that he might become the king’s son-in-law. Then Saul gave him his daughter Michal in marriage.

1Sa. 18:28 When Saul realised that the LORD was with David and that his daughter Michal loved David,

1Sa. 18:29 Saul became still more afraid of him, and he remained his enemy for the rest of his days.

1Sa. 18:30 The Philistine commanders continued to go out to battle, and as often as they did, David met with more success [Or David acted more wisely] than the rest of Saul’s officers, and his name became well known.

Chapter 18 of the book of 1 Samuel begins with Jonathan, the son of Saul, making a covenant with David, son of Jesse, because he admired him and recognized that God was with him. After

this, David becomes a commander in Saul's army and leads them to victory over the Philistines, which further endears him to the people and makes Saul jealous.

Saul's jealousy intensifies as he hears the people sing David's praises, and he becomes fearful of David's growing popularity. One day, while David was playing the harp for Saul, he threw a spear at David, hoping to kill him. But David avoided it and fled, realizing that Saul was intent on killing him.

Despite Saul's attempts to kill him, David continued to prosper and win battles for Israel. In fact, he was so successful that the women of Israel even composed a song in his honor, which only fueled Saul's jealousy even more.

Saul eventually offers David his oldest daughter, Merab, in marriage, but David declines the offer. Instead, Saul gives his younger daughter, Michal, to David, hoping that she will become a snare to him. But Michal falls in love with David and helps him escape when Saul sends men to kill him.

As the chapter comes to a close, we see David continuing to prosper and Saul continuing to be consumed by jealousy and rage towards him.

Here are some important verses from chapter 18 of 1 Samuel in the Christian Bible:

1 Samuel 18:1 - "After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself."

1 Samuel 18:7-9 - "As they danced, they sang: 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands.' Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. 'They have credited David with tens of thousands,' he thought, 'but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?'"

1 Samuel 18:14-15 - "In everything he did he had great success, because the Lord was with him. When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him."

These verses describe the relationship between David and Saul, as well as David's growing popularity and success. Saul becomes jealous of David's military victories and the praise he receives from the people, leading to a strained relationship between the two. On the other hand, Jonathan, Saul's son, becomes close friends with David and even makes a covenant with him. This chapter highlights themes of jealousy, friendship, and the importance of having the Lord's favor and presence in our lives.

1 Samuel chapter 18 focuses on the relationship between David and Saul, exploring themes of jealousy, friendship, and the sovereignty of God.

One of the key themes that emerges from this chapter is the theme of jealousy. After David's victory over Goliath and his rise in popularity among the Israelites, Saul becomes increasingly jealous of David. Saul's jealousy is fueled by the people's admiration for David and his military successes.

This chapter highlights the destructive nature of jealousy and its potential to harm relationships. Saul's jealousy leads him to harbor ill will towards David and even attempt to kill him. It serves as a cautionary reminder of the dangers of envy and the need to guard our hearts against such destructive emotions.

Furthermore, 1 Samuel chapter 18 highlights the value of genuine friendship. Despite Saul's jealousy, Jonathan, Saul's son, develops a deep friendship with David. Jonathan recognizes David's character, God's anointing upon him, and the faithfulness of their friendship is evident throughout the chapter.

This chapter emphasizes the importance of true friendship based on mutual trust, support, and loyalty. It reminds us of the power of genuine relationships in our lives, as they can provide encouragement, companionship, and a source of strength during challenging times. It calls us to cultivate authentic friendships that honor and reflect the love of God.

Additionally, 1 Samuel chapter 18 emphasizes the sovereignty of God over human affairs. Despite Saul's attempts to harm David, God continues to protect and bless David. God's favor remains upon David, and his success continues to grow, while Saul's envy and anger only lead to his own downfall.

This chapter reminds us that God is ultimately in control of our lives and circumstances. It teaches us to trust in God's providence and to rest in His sovereignty, even in the face of adversity. It encourages us to rely on God's protection and guidance, knowing that He will ultimately bring about His purposes in our lives.

In conclusion, 1 Samuel chapter 18 brings forth reflections on jealousy, friendship, and the sovereignty of God. It warns us of the dangers of jealousy and calls us to cultivate genuine friendships based on trust and support. It reminds us to trust in God's sovereignty and to find comfort in His provision and protection. May we guard our hearts against jealousy, foster meaningful friendships, and trust in God's plan for our lives.