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When God strikes, people should stop

There are verses in the Bible that describe God's hand and man's obedience. A frequently quoted scripture is Isaiah 55:8-9:

Jehovah says: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, and my ways are not your ways." As the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts. ”

This passage expresses the superiority of God's plan and wisdom over human thoughts and plans, emphasizing trust and obedience to God's will. This may have something to do with the scenario you mentioned.

1 Samuel 19

In 1 Samuel 19, Saul continues to try to kill David. He sent men to David's place to kill him, but David's wife, Michal, helped him escape. David then fled to Ramah and sought refuge in Samuel. Saul sent men after David, but whenever they reached the place where Samuel was, they were moved by the spirit of God and began to prophesy. This event attracted attention and eventually reached Saul's ears.

Saul decided to go to Rama himself, but when he got there, he was also moved by the spirit of God and began to prophesy. This surprised both his followers and David. Despite this, Saul's jealousy and resentment did not go away, and he continued to try to kill David.

This chapter again highlights the dangers of jealousy and resentment and shows that God protects and guides those who believe in Him and follow His will. It also shows that God can use His Spirit to move and control the actions of people, even if those people themselves are ungodly or hostile. This chapter lays the groundwork for the development of subsequent events in the book of 1 Samuel, especially the relationship between Saul and David. In the Bible, there is an

intricate relationship between Saul, David, Jonathan, and Saul's daughter. First, Saul was the first king of Israel, but he lost God's favor because he disobeyed God's will. At the same time, God chose David as his future king.

David's victory over the giant Goliath for Israel in his youth aroused Saul's jealousy. However, Saul's son, Jonathan, developed a strong friendship with David. Jonathan showed sincere support for David and shared joy and tribulation with him. The friendship between these two young warriors is considered one of the deepest friendships in the Bible.

Among Saul's daughters, Michal had a special connection with David. Saul had offered David to marry Michal, but in fact it was for the purpose of framing. Still, David's relationship with Michal also contains elements of twists and turns.

Overall, this series of relationships reflects themes of power, friendship, betrayal, and family strife, making this biblical story full of emotional fluctuations and complexity.

Saul's wisdom in the Bible is nothing compared to God's wisdom. Although he was chosen as Israel's first king, his path to government was one of self-confidence and decisions that went against God's will.

A striking example of this is when Saul anxiously waited for the prophet Samuel to come and offer sacrifices in battle against the Philistines, seeking God's guidance. However, when Samuel failed to arrive on time, Saul couldn't wait to choose to sacrifice himself, disobeying God's command. This act shows his distrust of divine guidance and his choice of his own wisdom over God's will.

In contrast, God's choice of David showed an endorsement of his good plan. Although David also made mistakes in his quest to attain the throne, he was generally a man of humility and seeking God's guidance. God said to David, "He is after my own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14), highlighting the importance of David's ability to lead Israel in faith and obedience to God's wisdom.

Taken together, Saul's wisdom was often based on human perception and his own will, rather than on trust and obedience to God. In contrast, David's leadership style, which emphasized trust in God, made him recognized by God and made him a highly respected king in Israel's history.

We pray together

Dear Heavenly Father

May the Lord embrace us and guide our steps so that we will always listen to God's voice on the path of faith. May His wisdom illuminate our hearts so that we can obey His will and not make our own decisions. May we find peace and joy in God's will, with His love. May we feel God's grace and guidance every step of the way and be a witness to His glory. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray, Amen.

1 Samuel

CHAPTER 19

1Sa. 19:1 Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David.

But Jonathan was very fond of David

1Sa. 19:2 and warned him, "My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding

and stay there.

1Sa. 19:3 I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I'll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out."

1Sa. 19:4 Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly.

1Sa. 19:5 He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?"

1Sa. 19:6 Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: "As surely as the LORD lives, David will not be put to death."

1Sa. 19:7 So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was with Saul as before.

1Sa. 19:8 Once more war broke out, and David went out and fought the Philistines. He struck them with such force that they fled before him.

1Sa. 19:9 But an evil [Or injurious] spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand.

While David was playing the harp,

1Sa. 19:10 Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape.

1Sa. 19:11 Saul sent men to David's house to watch it and to kill him in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, warned him, "If you don't run for your life tonight, tomorrow you'll be killed."

1Sa. 19:12 So Michal let David down through a window, and he fled and escaped.

1Sa. 19:13 Then Michal took an idol [Hebrew teraphim; also in verse 16] and laid it on the bed, covering it with a garment and putting some goats' hair at the head.

1Sa. 19:14 When Saul sent the men to capture David, Michal said, "He is ill."

1Sa. 19:15 Then Saul sent the men back to see David and told them, "Bring him up to me in his bed so that I may kill him."

1Sa. 19:16 But when the men entered, there was the idol in the bed, and at the head was some goats' hair.

1Sa. 19:17 Saul said to Michal, "Why did you deceive me like this and send my enemy away so that he escaped?" Michal told him, "He said to me, 'Let me get away. Why should I kill you?'"

1Sa. 19:18 When David had fled and made his escape, he went to Samuel at Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him.

Then he and Samuel went to Naioth and stayed there.

1Sa. 19:19 Word came to Saul: "David is in Naioth at Ramah";

1Sa. 19:20 so he sent men to capture him. But when they saw a group of prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing there as their leader, the Spirit of God came upon Saul's men and they also prophesied.

1Sa. 19:21 Saul was told about it, and he sent more men, and they prophesied too. Saul sent men a third time, and they also prophesied.

1Sa. 19:22 Finally, he himself left for Ramah and went to the great cistern at Secu. And he asked, "Where are Samuel and David?" "Over in Naioth at Ramah," they said.

1Sa. 19:23 So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But the Spirit of God came even upon him, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth.

1Sa. 19:24 He stripped off his robes and also prophesied in Samuel's presence. He lay that way all that day and night. This is why people say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

Here's a detailed summary of chapter 19 of the Book of 1 Samuel:

After Jonathan warned David of Saul's plan to kill him, David fled from Saul's presence and went to Naioth in Ramah, where Samuel was. Saul found out about David's location and sent messengers to capture him, but when they arrived at Naioth, they were overcome by the Spirit of God and began prophesying. Saul then sent more messengers, but the same thing happened to them. Finally, Saul himself went to Naioth and also began prophesying.

David then fled to Jonathan and asked him why Saul wanted to kill him. Jonathan tried to convince Saul to spare David's life, but Saul was still determined to kill him. Jonathan then warned David to stay hidden and promised to find out Saul's intentions towards him.

Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him and kill him in the morning, but David's wife, Michal, helped him escape through a window and sent a dummy in his place to fool the messengers. When Saul found out, he was furious with Michal and David and continued to pursue David.

David fled to Samuel in Ramah and stayed there. When Saul found out, he sent messengers to capture David, but they too were overcome by the Spirit of God and began prophesying. Saul then went to Ramah himself, and the same thing happened to him.

Finally, Saul stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel and the people, and it was said that he was "among the prophets." David then went to Jonathan and they reaffirmed their covenant of friendship, with Jonathan promising to let David know of any further developments with Saul.

Here are some important verses from chapter 19 of 1 Samuel in the Christian Bible:

1 Samuel 19:1 - "Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan had taken a great liking to David."

1 Samuel 19:4-5 - "Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, 'Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The Lord won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?'"

1 Samuel 19:9-10 - "But an evil spirit from the Lord came on Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the lyre, Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape."

These verses continue to depict the tension between Saul and David. Saul becomes increasingly jealous of David's success and popularity and attempts to have him killed, but Jonathan speaks up in David's defense. Saul then tries to kill David himself but fails, and David escapes. This chapter also highlights the idea that God can use even difficult circumstances to protect and guide us, as He helps David escape from Saul's grasp.

1 Samuel chapter 19 continues the story of David's life, focusing on his relationship with Saul and the persecution he faces. This chapter explores themes of God's protection, loyalty, and the consequences of disobedience.

One of the key themes that emerges from this chapter is the theme of God's protection. Saul's jealousy and fear of David lead him to seek David's life, but God intervenes to protect David. Through the loyalty and courage of Jonathan and the wisdom of David's wife, Michal, David is able to escape from Saul's plot.

This chapter reminds us of God's faithfulness and His ability to protect His chosen ones. It demonstrates that no matter the opposition or threats we face, God is with us and can deliver us from harm. It encourages us to trust in God's providence and to seek His guidance and protection in the midst of trials and persecutions.

Furthermore, 1 Samuel chapter 19 highlights the loyalty and support of Jonathan. Despite being Saul's son, Jonathan remains a true friend to David. He intercedes on David's behalf, warns him of Saul's plans, and encourages him to stay strong in his faith.

This chapter underscores the importance of genuine friendships that provide support and encouragement during difficult times. It shows the value of having loyal companions who stand by us when we face adversity. It prompts us to cherish and cultivate relationships that reflect the love and loyalty of Christ.

Additionally, 1 Samuel chapter 19 reveals the consequences of disobedience. Saul's jealousy and desire to kill David lead him to act against God's will and to persecute an innocent man. As a

result, he experiences frustration and the loss of God's Spirit, leading to erratic behavior and even attempts to harm David.

This chapter serves as a warning about the destructive consequences of disobedience and the importance of aligning our lives with God's purposes. It reminds us that disobedience not only harms others but also hinders our relationship with God. It urges us to walk in obedience and to seek His guidance, knowing that His ways lead to blessing and peace.

In conclusion, 1 Samuel chapter 19 brings forth reflections on God's protection, loyalty, and the consequences of disobedience. It assures us of God's faithfulness in safeguarding His people and calls us to trust in His providence. It emphasizes the importance of loyal friendships and prompts us to examine our own obedience to God's commands. May we find comfort in God's protection, cultivate loyal relationships, and walk in obedience to His will.