

1 Samuel 19:11-24; Psalm 59

16:14-23 – “Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor bearer.”

17:25 – The promises for killing Goliath were: 1) king will give great riches to the man, 2) marry his daughter, and 3) make his father's house free in Israel (NET and NJB tax exempt).

17:55-58 – David's appearance may have changed, or he did not make much of an impression on Saul when he played the harp, or Saul's mind is not sharp.

18:6-16 – Saul is jealous and crazy.

18:20-30 – David marries Saul's daughter.

19:1 – Saul's tortured duplicity becomes more evident. 18:5, 14, 15, and 30 – He continues to go back and forth throughout his life. When he is sober, he loves David; under the influence, he hates him.

2 – David's best friend is Jonathan, Saul's son, and David's wife is Saul's daughter Michal. Both support David and not their father.

6 – Jonathan could reason with him, but the demon was more powerful than reasoning.

8 - 10 – This is a second time Saul tried to spear him and the fourth time he tried to kill him. In David, we learn that evil people attack good people many times without reasonable provocation. The problem was within Saul and totally independent of David.

Jesus must have found comfort, encouragement, and direction from David.

11-17 – David escapes for his life. From this time on and for a long period of time, the man after God's own heart would be a hunted fugitive. He would hide from his best friend's father at the beginning of his career and from his own son near its end.

Psalms 59

2 – Unwavering faith is seen in many of David's Psalms. The enemy was insurmountable, so he sought God's help.

Matthew 7:7-11; James 1:5-8; 4:1-3 God is able to help limited only by our asking and seeking.

Matthew 17:19 and 20

Matthew 21:18-22

Psalm 59:2 – God did deliver David over and over; however, his enemies did not go away nor will ours (1 Peter 5:6-11).

4 – He did not blame himself or doubt God because of Saul's sin.

5 – Exodus 3:13-15; Exodus 6:3; Revelation 4:8 – Our God’s name means the existing one. He was and is and will always be present.

“God of hosts” is used 45X, and “LORD of hosts” 239X (meaning angelic armies in the spiritual realm or armies of heaven and earth).

6 – Ravening dogs seeking prey – Desperately seeking dogs go about howling, growling, and snarling because they cannot find food to eat.

9, 16, and 17 – “Stronghold” is a place that has been fortified so as to protect it against attack. Synonyms are fortress, fort, castle, citadel, garrison.

Psalms 9:7-10; 31:1-4; 61:1-8; 144:1 – Many times, God answers our prayers immediately like when you are struggling with the renewed mind. In some situations the problem does not seem to go away, but the help we need to endure each day is readily available. Saul died when David was 30 years old, so he was a fugitive for years.

10 – David had the choice of feeling sorry for himself or focusing on Yahweh. “I lost my home, my wife, my job, my country. I am a hunted man hiding in the wilderness, and I did nothing wrong. My family is in jeopardy. I have no money, no future....”

16 – He kept his heart joyful from the inside out. He did not allow the circumstances of life to overwhelm him.

1 Samuel 19:18-24 – Yahweh did indeed deliver him in an extraordinary way.