

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF 1 SAMUEL

[PART 35]

BEHAVING WISELY, ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S SPEARS ABOUT

Reading: 1 Samuel 18:1 - 16

Introduction

- What started out as a normal day, ended up anything but normal.
- David now stands in the royal tent of the King.
- One man in tent will become David's greatest friend, another his greatest enemy.
- By God's grace you will have some Jonathan's but life will also throw you some Saul's.
- Check what the Bible says about our enemies: [Psalm 23:5], [Psalm 41:11], [Isaiah 54:17].
- Is there a Saul in your life?

1 The Singing Of A Bad Song

- Initially Saul loved David and wanted David with him. [16:21].
- Saul turned on David over the lyrics of a song. [vs 6].
- Notice Saul's thinking and reaction. [Vs 8/9].

2 Negative Feelings

- The heart is a garden. What are you allowing to grow in it?
- The weed of jealousy?
- Consider [James 3:16], [Galatians 5:20], [Song of Solomon 8:6], [1 Corinthians 13:4/5].

- With Saul it started with jealousy and it ended with hatred and attempted murder. [vs 10/11].
- The weed of anger? [vs 8].
- Anger is something you need to control rather than allowing it to control you.
- It is when people are angry that they often act out of character.
- Saul tried to kill David with his spear 3 times: [twice in vs 11] & [19:10].
- Notice what David eventually did with Saul's spear in [26:22].

3 The Lord Was With David

- How do we deal with any Saul's in our lives?
- Concentrate on the promise of God's ever abiding presence. [16:18], [18:12, 14, 28].
- The believer who walks obediently can fully rely on this promise.
- Jehovah was '**with David**' wherever he was and regardless of whoever he was with.
- Remember: Saul had lost the presence of God through disobedience.

4 Behaving Wisely

- Notice carefully [18:5, 14, 15, 30].
- Wherever David went and whoever he was with, he '**behaved wisely**'.
- This ought to be the goal of the child of God.

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