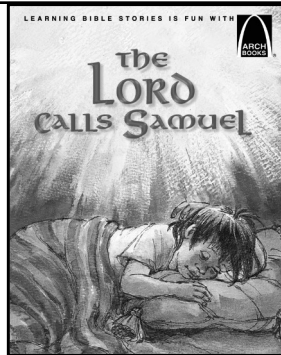


**the book of
1st Samuel**
**Thursday Morning
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**1 Samuel
Ch 18 - 19**



1

David and Jonathan – 18:1-5

- † Here we see the contrast between Saul and Jonathan.
- † 2 – Saul enlists David in his army.
- † 3 – David and Jonathan form a covenant.
- † 4 – Jonathan giving David his robe was like he was acknowledging David's right to the throne.
- † 5 – David was successful and that becomes the basis for Saul's jealousy.

2

Saul's Jealousy of David – 18:6-16

- † This section serves two functions:
 - † 1) It is an explanation of how David became a successful commander of the army.
 - † 2) It prepares the reader for the rest of the book as Saul seeks to eliminate David.
- † 6 – David's success is praised by the people.
- † 7 – The song ends up elevating David over Saul.

3

Saul's Jealousy of David – 18:6-16

- † 8 – Saul is suspicious that David wants the throne.
- † 10 – David is back to playing for Saul.
- † 11 – In a fit of rage, Saul hurls his spear at David.
- † 15-16 – All Israel loved David, but Saul was afraid of him.

4

David's Marriage – 18:17-30

- † 17 – Saul had promised 3 things to the man who killed Goliath: Make him rich; his daughter in marriage; and free from taxation.
- † Saul gives his oldest daughter, Merab, to be David's wife, but the bride-price was to fight the Philistines.
- † 19 – But Merab is already married!

5

David's Marriage – 18:17-30

- † 20 – When Saul learned that his second daughter, Michal, was in love with David, he shifted his plan.
- † 21-22 – Saul's plan was to get David to be killed fighting the Philistines.
- † 25 – The bride-price? 100 Philistine foreskins.
- † 26-27 – David brought back 200!

6

David's Marriage – 18:17-30

- † 28 – Saul gives his daughter to David, but was even more afraid of him. By now Saul would be fairly certain that David had been picked by God.
- † 30 – While Saul seeks to eliminate David, his son-in-law becomes his best commander.

7

Saul Tries to Kill David – 19:1-17

- † C. 1015 BC
- † Three incidents between Saul and David:
 - † 1) Jonathan defends David
 - † 2) Saul is unable to kill David
 - † 3) David's wife helps him escape.
- † 1 – Saul tries to enlist Jonathan and his officials in killing David.

8

Saul Tries to Kill David – 19:1-17

- † 2 – Jonathan honors his covenant with David by warning David. He seeks to talk his father out of it.
- † 3-5 – Jonathan makes several arguments:
 - † 1) Saul's order was a sin against David.
 - † 2) David took his life in his hand when he fought Goliath, to the benefit of all.
 - † 3) Killing David would be taking innocent blood

9

Saul Tries to Kill David – 19:1-17

- † 6 – Saul swears to spare David's life.
- † 7 – So David goes back to serving Saul as before.
- † 8 – David is successful in battle.
- † 9 – Again an evil spirit comes upon Saul.
- † 10 – David eludes the spear and escapes.

10

Saul Tries to Kill David – 19:1-17

- † 11 – Saul sent his servants to kill David, but Michal helps David to escape.
- † 13-14 – She made it look like David was in the bed.
- † 16-17 – When asked why she had deceived Saul, she said she had no choice.
- † This section shows the difficulty in doing the right thing.

11

Saul Searches for David – 18-24

- † 18 – David fled and went to Samuel. They went to the place where Samuel's prophets lived.
- † 19-21 – Saul sent messengers three times, but each time God's Spirit intervened. The messengers forgot about their mission and ended up acting just like the prophets.

12

Saul Searches for David – 18-24

- † **22 – So Saul went himself.**
- † **23 – But he was also overcome with the Spirit of God and prophesied.**
- † **24 – Prompted by the Spirit he took off his clothes and lay naked all day and night.**
- † **This could be symbolic of stripping Saul of his kingdom.**

13

Saul Searches for David – 18-24

- † **“Is Saul among the prophets?”**
- † **This was used at the beginning of his reign and now at the end.**
- † **The irony is that it can be spoken in admiration or uttered in pity of the aged king who has lost the entire dignity of his office.**

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