

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## Saul Turns Against David

- Saul was once again afflicted by an evil spirit, but this time David's music ministry did not calm him down [1 Sam 18:10 cf. 16:23].
- Saul then attempted to murder David with his spear [1 Sam 18:11].
  - Saul acted under demonic influence.
  - Saul attacked David twice, but David escaped both times.
- Saul was fearful of David [1 Sam 18:12].
  - Saul was in rebellion and no longer walking with God, but David was abiding in God's will.
  - His rebellion had caused Saul to make decisions according to the will of Satan [2 Tim 2:24-26].
  - Satan uses the power of fear to control people [Heb 2:14-15 cf. Rom 8:15].
- Operating under fear, Saul assigned David to a front-line military command [1 Sam 18:13].
  - David followed Saul's order as he went out and came in as commander of the troops.
  - Saul wanted David to fail (even die), but David prospered under the hand of God [1 Sam 18:14].
  - David's prosperity triggered hatred in Saul, but the people loved David [1 Sam 18:15-16].
- Still operating under fear, Saul concocted a plan to try to kill David [1 Sam 18:17].
  - Saul offered his older daughter to David – as was promised for killing Goliath [1 Sam 17:25].
  - Saul hoped David would die in battle, just as David would do to Uriah the Hittite [2 Sam 11:14-15].
  - David responded with humility, thwarting Saul's plan [1 Sam 18:18-19].
- Saul did not give up and got a second chance to implement his evil plan [1 Sam 18:20-21].
  - Saul involved his servants in his scheme this time [1 Sam 18:22].
  - David responded to the servants, as he had to Saul, with humility [1 Sam 18:23-24].
  - This time Saul used this as an opportunity to try to lure David into a trap [1 Sam 18:25].
  - David accepted Saul's offer and doubled Saul's demand in battle [1 Sam 18:26-27].
  - When Saul's plan failed, he knew for sure that the Lord was with David and he became a perpetual enemy of David [1 Sam 18:28-29].
  - David's success as a commander made him highly esteemed among the people [1 Sam 18:30].

- Even though David did not die in battle, Saul's plan did have some success – Michal was something of a snare to David.
  - Michal kept idols in the house [1 Sam 19:13].
  - Michal was a liar [1 Sam 19:14-17].
  - Michal showed no appreciation for the victories brought about by the Lord [2 Sam 6:20-21].