

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## More Attempts to Kill David

- Saul gave orders for David to be put to death [1 Sam 19:1].
  - Saul had failed to get David killed in battle.
  - Saul ordered Jonathan to kill David, but Jonathan loved David [1 Sam 18:1].
  - Saul's servants were also ordered to kill David, but they were very fond of David [1 Sam 18:5].
- Jonathan thwarted the order [1 Sam 19:2-3].
  - He warned David about his father's order [v. 2a].
  - He also advised David to go into hiding [v. 2b].
  - He then promised that he would plead David's case before his father [v. 3a].
  - And finally, he promised that he would pass along to David any information he gleaned from talking with his father [v. 3b].
- When Jonathan spoke to his father, he gave him a sharp rebuke regarding the sin he was committing [1 Sam 19:4-5].
  - Saul honored Jonathan's desire and vowed that David would not be put to death [1 Sam 19:6].
  - The vow was in the Lord's name, but was intended to please Jonathan, not necessarily the Lord.
  - The Lord would hold Saul to this vow.
- Jonathan was able to get David restored to his former position before Saul (music ministry and military commander) [1 Sam 19:7].
  - When David was once again victorious in battle, Saul went in to a demonic rage and tried to kill David with a spear [1 Sam 19:8-10a].
  - When David escaped that attack, Saul sent messengers to ambush David [1 Sam 19:10b-11a].
- David relied upon God to be his stronghold [Psalm 59], but Michal used deceptions to help David flee [1 Sam 19:11b-17].
  - Michal helped David escape [v. 12].
  - She then made it look like David was in his bed and told the messengers he was sick [vv. 13-14].
  - When Saul called her bluff, Michal lied again about the original deception [vv. 15-17].

- David fled to Samuel at Ramah [1 Sam 19:18].
  - Samuel led a school for prophets in Ramah.
  - David, being a prophet [Acts 2:30], would have known about Samuel's school.
  - Saul found out where David had gone and sent messengers to kill him [1 Sam 19:19-20a].
  - When these messengers came to the school, they were overcome with the Spirit [1 Sam 19:20b].
  - Saul sent more messengers to kill David, but they also were overcome by the Spirit [1 Sam 19:21].
  - Saul took matters into his own hands again, but he was also overcome by the Spirit [1 Sam 19:22-24].
    - ✦ The Lord was using the endowment of the Holy Spirit to immobilize David's potential assailants.
    - ✦ This was not the same as the filling of the Spirit that believers receive today [Eph 5:18].