

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

Snares

- When Saul gave his daughter Michal to David in marriage he wanted her to be a snare to him [1 Sam 18:21].
 - The word “snare” in this verse is מִקְשָׁה (miqesh) which means “bait”, “lure” or “trap”.
 - Saul's desire was for Michal to lure David into sin and out of God's favor.
 - Satan uses snares to try to cause us to stumble.
- Unbelievers will sometimes see believers as a snare [Ex 10:3-7; Matt 15:10-14].
- However, believers should make every effort not to be a snare [Matt 17:24-27].
- The Lord Jesus Christ is a snare for unbelieving Israel [Isa 8:11-15; Rom 9:30-33; 1 Pet 2:6-8].
- Idol worshipers can be a snare to faithful believers [Ex 23:27-33].
 - This particular danger requires separation.
 - Believers should recognize such snares and destroy them [Ex 34:12-16; 2 Cor 10:3-5].
 - When we turn our backs on God, He allows these snares to become effective [Josh 23:11-13].
- God will deliver faithful believers from snares [Psalm 91:1-4; 141:8-10].
- Removing snares can be painful, but doing so will reap benefits [Mt 5:29-30; 18:8-9].
- Believers who are not seeking the will of God can be a snare to other believers [Matt 16:21-23; Rom 14:10-15; 1 Cor 8:9-13; 1 John 2:10].
- The word of God residing in the believer's soul will keep him from stumbling [John 16:1].
- Pastors should be concerned about those who are susceptible to snares [2 Cor 11:28-29].
- His teaching and gentle correction can help lead those caught in the devil's snares to the way of escape [2 Tim 2:24-26].