

“David: The Fugitive”
1 Samuel 19

Rescue by reason: Jonathan foils Saul (19:1-7)

- *Jonathan intercedes for David, thus keeping covenant (20:8,9)
- *Saul recognizes killing David is both ungrateful and unjust (*innocent blood*, 26:31). Are Jonathan and David a bit naïve here?

David dodges death: David foils Saul (19:8-10)

- *Cycle begins again: success → spirit → spear → speeding off
- *David's quick reflexes save him from death again (as in 18:11).
- *David eventually learns Saul can't ever be trusted (see 26:21-27:1).

Michal's manikin: Michal foils Saul (19:11-17)

- *Michal was to be a “snare” (18:21); though youngest (14:49) she resolutely sides w/David like Jonathan--again backfiring upon Saul.
- *How was this for a honeymoon? She's later given away, 25:44
- *Household idols = *teraphim* (15:23, Gen. 31:19,34 Jdgs. 17:5, Zech. 10:2) What are these things and why do we find household idols in David's home???

Prophetic protection: Spirit foils Saul (19:18-24)

- *David “flees” to Samuel—no surprise. Later he flees to Jonathan (20:1), Ahimelech (21:1), and Achish (21:10). He is a true fugitive.
- *God is gracious here, if you compare it to episode in 2 Kgs. 9-16. Saul has a repeat experience of sorts with same proverb--recall 10:10,11 (“Is Saul also among the prophets?”).
- *What were people prophesying? (1 Chr. 25:1-3). Note contrast of effect with the evil spirit and God's Spirit upon Saul and the effects of this prophesying vs. ch. 10.
- *Why does Saul remove his clothes? (15:27,28,18:4)

What should I realize about myself and my situations based upon David's experiences here?