

## VV STUDY NOTES: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

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### 1 Samuel 19: 1-24 (Jonathan and David. David escapes from Saul)

**HAVE YOUR BIBLE OPEN AND READY FOR ACTION!** This part of the story portrays Saul as being incredibly unstable. Last week we saw Saul trying the strategy of getting the Philistines to kill David. That didn't work, and David marries Saul's daughter Michal.

**Saul now wants David killed.** There are 3 parts to the story.

1. v 1-7 Saul tells Jonathan and his attendants to kill David. Jonathan warns David to hide. He then intercedes with Saul, who makes the following oath: "As surely as the Lord lives, David will not be put to death". Jonathan brings David to Saul and David returns to his role in Saul's court.
2. v 8-17 We have no idea how long it took before war with the Philistines resumed. Once again David excels in battle and Saul and "an evil spirit from the Lord" drives Saul to try and kill David with his spear.  
David escapes from the court but is at home with his wife Michal.
  - a. Michal persuades David to escape.
  - b. Michal pretends that David is ill.
  - c. Michal lies to her father, implying that David threatened to kill her.

MICHAL is not one of the prime characters but plays an important role in the outcomes. *She must live with the decisions being made by others.*

**## Have you ever been caught similar situations?**

**## Envisage MICHAL'S DILEMMA. What does this tell us about Michal's relationships with her father and husband? Can you empathize with her?**

3. v 18-24 Samuel enters the story once again, because David sought him out at Ramah. Saul decides to get capture David to face his appointed end. Three times Saul's henchmen are sent to arrest him, but all 3 groups are overwhelmed by a "a spirit of prophecy". Saul goes himself and is also overwhelmed by that same "spirit of prophecy", and even laid naked all day and all night .

This passage provides key character insights of the three main characters: Saul, Jonathan and David. Over the last couple of months, we have seen all the characters in action, and these are the building blocks of really beginning to understand them.

**## What strengths can you detect in each of them?**

**## What weaknesses have exposed themselves or may lie dormant within them?**

### PROPHECYING

We have repeatedly seen what I would describe as a PARADE OF PROPHETS.

**## Is the above description justified?**

**## It never describes how it physically manifests itself? What do you think was happening?**

**## Saul hits this spiritual brick wall. Why did it have such overpowering outcomes?**