

LI. THE HATRED OF HYPOCRITES AND THE PROTECTION OF THE LORD: 1 Samuel 19

INTRODUCTION. Beloved brothers and sisters, friends and visitors: 1 Samuel chapter 19, which happened about 3,000 years ago, puts before our eyes a clear example of two concrete truths that given to us by God Himself in Scripture:

1. Hypocrites will hate the faithful, and
2. The Lord God will protect His people.

QUESTION. What should I expect as a faithful Christian—*someone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation; someone who wants to obey God's commands for His glory and repent of sin when necessary; someone who wants to do my masculine or feminine duties that God has created me and entrusted for me to do; someone who wants to love my neighbor as myself according to God's standard set out in the Bible*—what should I expect in this life? Well, many things, but in this passage I should be reminded of at least these two:

- A1.** I should expect the hatred of hypocrites.
- A2.** I should also expect the protection of the Lord.

BOYS AND GIRLS...

CON(TEXT). David has been anointed by the LORD as the future king, yet he has not yet been crowned by men. Saul is still king over Israel, and though he does not yet know David is chosen by God to replace him, he has still grown envious because of David's successes and the peoples praises. So here in 1 Samuel 19, Saul has already tried to kill David, and though unsuccessful, he remains undeterred in pursuit after murder.

OUTLINE.

I. Understand this passage through explanation:

SAUL ATTEMPTED TO MURDER DAVID MULTIPLE TIMES, YET THE LORD PROTECTED HIS ANOINTED THROUGH A DIVERSITY OF MEANS (1 Sam. 19).

II. Make proper use of this passage through application:

HYPOCRITES WILL HATE THE FAITHFUL, YET THE LORD WILL PROTECT HIS PEOPLE (Selected Scriptures).

I. EXPLANATION:

SAUL ATTEMPTED TO MURDER DAVID MULTIPLE TIMES, YET THE LORD PROTECTED HIS ANOINTED THROUGH A DIVERSITY OF MEANS (**1 Sam. 19**).

- Saul could be charged with five counts of attempted murder or conspiracy to commit murder here in 1 Samuel 19 alone. Yet each time he attempts or conspires, the Lord protects and delivers David.

First attempted murder

1.1) Saul charged his servants to murder David (1 Sam. 19:1a).

1 Samuel 19:1a

“1 And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David.”

First protection by the Lord

1.2) The LORD protected David through Jonathan’s Intercession (1 Sam. 19:1b-7).

1 Samuel 19:1b-7

“But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David. 2 And Jonathan told David, 'Saul my father seeks to kill you. Therefore be on your guard in the morning. Stay in a secret place and hide yourself. 3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you. And if I learn anything I will tell you.' 4 And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, 'Let not the king sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have brought good to you. 5 For he took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and the Lord worked a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?' 6 And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. Saul swore, 'As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death.' 7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan reported to him all these things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before.”

BOYS AND GIRLS... you need friends like Jonathan.

Second attempted murder

2.1) Saul himself tried to murder David with a spear (again?) (1 Sam. 19:8-10a).

1 Samuel 19:8-10a

“8 And there was war again. And David went out and fought with the Philistines and struck them with a great blow, so that they fled before him. 9 Then a harmful spirit from the LORD came upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing the lyre. 10 And Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear. . .”

Second protection by the Lord

2.2) The LORD protected David by David's own wisdom and agility (1

Sam. 19:10b).

1 Samuel 19:10b

"but he (*David*) eluded Saul, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night."

Third attempted murder

3.1) Saul charged messengers to keep watch over David's house so he could murder him at an opportune time (1 Sam. 19:11a).

1 Samuel 19:11a

"Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, that he might kill him in the morning."

Third protection by the Lord

3.2) The LORD protected David through his wife, Michal (1 Sam. 19:11b-17).

1 Samuel 19:11b-17

"11b But Michal, David's wife, told him, 'If you do not escape with your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed.' 12 So Michal let David down through the window, and he fled away and escaped. 13 Michal took an image and laid it on the bed and put a pillow of goats' hair at its head and covered it with the clothes. 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick." 15 Then Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him." 16 And when the messengers came in, behold, the image was in the bed, with the pillow of goats' hair at its head. 17 Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me thus and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?" And Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go. Why should I kill you?'"

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Fourth attempted murder

4.1) Saul sent messengers to arrest David, and surely deliver him to Saul to be put to death (1 Sam. 19:18-20a).

1 Samuel 19:18-20a

18 Now David fled and escaped, and he came to Samuel at Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and lived at Naioth. 19 And it was told Saul, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah." 20a Then Saul sent messengers to take David. . ."

Fourth protection by the Lord

4.2) The LORD protected David from the messengers by His powerful Spirit (1 Sam. 19:20b-21).

1 Samuel 19:20b-21

"20b . . .and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and

Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. 21 When it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied."

Fifth attempted murder

5.1) Saul himself went to find David, surely to murder David with his own hands (1 Sam. 19:22-23a).

1 Samuel 19:22-24

"22 Then he himself went to Ramah and came to the great well that is in Secu. And he asked, 'Where are Samuel and David?' And one said, 'Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah.' 23a And he went there to Naioth in Ramah. . . ."

Fifth protection by the Lord

5.2) The LORD protected David from Saul by His powerful Spirit (1 Sam. 19:23b-24).

1 Samuel 19:23b-24 "23b And the Spirit of God came upon him also, and as he went he prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24 And he too stripped off his clothes, and he too prophesied before Samuel and lay naked all that day and all that night. Thus it is said, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

Q. What should we learn from this as far as doctrine to understand and apply?

DOCTRINE. Hypocrites will hate the faithful, and the Lord will protect His people.

II. APPLICATION:

HYPOCRITES WILL HATE THE FAITHFUL, AND THE LORD WILL PROTECT HIS PEOPLE (Selected Scriptures).

Three main things here:

1. Hypocrites are often spoken of in Scripture.
2. Hypocrites hate the faithful.
3. The Lord has promised to protect His people.

I) Hypocrites are often spoken of in Scripture.

But nowhere more scathingly than by the Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 23. ***TURN WITH ME...**

- **DEFINITION.** Hypocrites are those who pretend to have righteousness while in reality they act contrary to God's revealed will. The word literally means "Actor." Hypocrites pretend to be Christians or believers in God in a generic sense.

(i) Christ has scathing words for Hypocrites.

Matthew 23:13-14, 23-31

"13 But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. 15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves." **You will know them by their fruit!*

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23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. 24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel! **Being very particular about minute things is important, yet justice and mercy and faithfulness are neglected!*

25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean. **External actions matter but not internal life!*

27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. 28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. **Externals which can be seen by others matters more than anything, yet inside your mind, will, and affections are dead to the love of the Lord!*

29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, 30 saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' 31 Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets." **Hypocrites typical persecute the faithful, sometimes to their face or out in the open, sometimes behind their back!*

USE FOR EXAMINATION

- Look at yourself and ask God the Holy Spirit to expose whether or not there be hypocritical growths in your body that need to be cut out by

repentance, faith, and obedience to Christ.

II) Hypocrites hate the faithful.

(i) The Pharisees, chiefest and greatest of Hypocrites, hated Christ.

- **Mark 3:6** “The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.”

(ii) Those who trust in and submit to Christ should expect to be treated the same as Him.

- **John 15:20** “Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.”

(iii) You must not be surprised that the world hates you.

- **1 John 3:13** “Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.”

You should be surprised if the world, especially even hypocrites, do not hate you!

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III) The Lord has promised to protect His people.

(i) The LORD is a shield in front of His people.

- **Psalm 3:3**
“But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.”
- **BOYS AND GIRLS...**

(iii) The LORD is a mighty fortress for His people.

- **Psalm 18:2**
“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”
- **BOYS AND GIRLS...**

(iv) The LORD is a wall of fire all around His people.

- **Zechariah 2:5**
“And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the LORD, and I will

be the glory in her midst."

- **BOYS AND GIRLS...**

(v) The LORD will make certain that not a hair of His peoples' head will perish.

- **Luke 21:17-18**

"17 You will be hated by all for my name's sake. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish."

- **BOYS AND GIRLS...**

(vi) The LORD will make certain that His people are guarded through faith for future salvation.

- **1 Peter 1:3-5**

"3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

(vii) The LORD will make certain that all things, even terrible suffering, is worked out for His glory and His peoples' good.

- **Psalm 23:4**

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

- **Romans 8:28** "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

- **Romans 8:31**

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

- **BOYS AND GIRLS...**

(viii) The LORD has promised to give believers eternal life, and that they are as safe as they can be in His and His Father's hands.

- **John 10:28-29**

"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

CONCLUSION (Psalm 59). **TURN WITH ME...**

Psalm 59

To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when Saul sent men to watch his house in order to kill him.

"1 Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;
 protect me from those who rise up against me;
2 deliver me from those who work evil,
 and save me from bloodthirsty men.
3 For behold, they lie in wait for my life;
 fierce men stir up strife against me.
For no transgression or sin of mine, O LORD,
4 for no fault of mine, they run and make ready.
Awake, come to meet me, and see!
5 You, Lord God of hosts, are God of Israel.
Rouse yourself to punish all the nations;
 spare none of those who treacherously plot evil. *Selah*
6 Each evening they come back,
 howling like dogs
 and prowling about the city.
7 There they are, bellowing with their mouths
 with swords in their lips—
 for "Who," they think, "will hear us?"
8 But you, O Lord, laugh at them;
 you hold all the nations in derision.
9 O my Strength, I will watch for you,
 for you, O God, are my fortress.
10 My God in his steadfast love will meet me;
 God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.
11 Kill them not, lest my people forget;
 make them totter by your power and bring them down,
 O Lord, our shield!
12 For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips,
 let them be trapped in their pride.
For the cursing and lies that they utter,
13 consume them in wrath;
 consume them till they are no more,
that they may know that God rules over Jacob
 to the ends of the earth. *Selah*
14 Each evening they come back,
 howling like dogs
 and prowling about the city.
15 They wander about for food
 and growl if they do not get their fill.
16 But I will sing of your strength;

I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been to me a fortress
and a refuge in the day of my distress.
17 O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,
for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love."

Scriptures on Hypocrites

Hypocrites are those who pretend to have righteousness while in reality they act contrary to God's revealed will. The word literally means "Actor." Hypocrites pretend to be Christians.

– **Job 20:4-5**

"Do you not know this from of old, since man was placed on earth, that the exulting of the wicked is short, and the joy of the godless but for a moment?"

– **Psalm 26:4**

"I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites."

– **Isaiah 9:17**

"Therefore the Lord does not rejoice over their young men, and has no compassion on their fatherless and widows; for everyone is godless and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still."

– **Isaiah 33:14**

"The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless: 'Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?'"

– **Matthew 6:2**

"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward."

– **Matthew 7:5**

"You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

– **Matthew 15:7-8**

"You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.'"

– **Matthew 23:13**

"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in."

– **Matthew 23:27-28**

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

– **Luke 6:42**

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

– **Luke 12:56**

"You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Scriptures on The Wicked

The wicked are those who actively oppose God's Law, God's gospel, and God's glory. Unlike Hypocrites, they do not pretend to be Christians.

– **Psalm 5:4-6**

"For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man."

– **Psalm 7:9**

"Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous—you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God!"

– **Psalm 10:2-4**

"In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised. For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the man greedy for gain curses and renounces the Lord. In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, 'There is no God.'"

– **Psalm 11:5-6**

"The Lord tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup."

– **Psalm 17:9-10**

"From the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me. They close their hearts to pity; with their mouths they speak arrogantly."

– **Psalm 34:21**

"Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be

condemned."

– **Psalm 37:12-15**

"The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him, but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming. The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose way is upright; their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken."

– **Psalm 55:3**

"Because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me."

– **Psalm 64:2-5**

"Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, from the throng of evildoers, who whet their tongues like swords, who aim bitter words like arrows, shooting from ambush at the blameless, shooting at him suddenly and without fear. They hold fast to their evil purpose; they talk of laying snares secretly, thinking, 'Who can see them?'"

– **Psalm 94:3-7**

"O Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked exult? They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast. They crush your people, O Lord, and afflict your heritage. They kill the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless; and they say, 'The Lord does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive.'"

– **Psalm 119:61**

"Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law."

– **Psalm 119:95**

"The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your testimonies."

– **Proverbs 4:14-17**

"Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence."

– **Proverbs 21:29**

"A wicked man puts on a bold face, but the upright establishes his way."

– **Isaiah 57:20-21**

"But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. There is no peace, says my God, for the wicked."

– **Jeremiah 12:1**

"Righteous are you, O Lord, when I plead with you; yet I would reason

with you: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive?"

– **Habakkuk 1:13**

"You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?"

Scriptures on Sinners

Sinners are those who are outside of Christ, and thus still in and under Adam as their covenant head lawbreaker. Their identity is sinner, which leads to their activity—sin.

– **Psalm 1:1**

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers."

– **Psalm 25:8**

"Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way."

– **Psalm 26:9**

"Sweep me not away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men."

– **Proverbs 1:10-16**

"My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. If they say, 'Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason; like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder; throw in your lot among us; we will all have one purse'—my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths, for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood."

– **Isaiah 1:28**

"But rebels and sinners shall be broken together, and those who forsake the Lord shall be consumed."

– **Amos 9:10**

"All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, 'Disaster shall not overtake or meet us.'"

– **Matthew 9:11**

"And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'"

– **Luke 6:33-34**

"And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount."

Scriptures on the Persecution of the Godly

- Psalm 3:1-2

"O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of my soul, 'There is no salvation for him in God.' Selah"

- Psalm 22:6-8

"But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; 'He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!'"

- Psalm 31:11-13

"Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life."

- Psalm 35:11-16

"Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I do not know. They repay me evil for good; my soul is bereft. But I, when they were sick—I wore sackcloth; I afflicted myself with fasting; I prayed with head bowed on my chest. I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother; as one who laments his mother, I bowed down in mourning. But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered; they gathered together against me; wretches whom I did not know tore at me without ceasing; like profane mockers at a feast, they gnash at me with their teeth."

- Psalm 69:4

"More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; mighty are those who would destroy me, those who attack me with lies. What I did not steal must I now restore?"

- Psalm 109:2-5

"For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues. They encircle me with words of hate, and attack me without cause. In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer. So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love."

- Psalm 119:86

"All your commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me!"

- Isaiah 59:15

"Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice."

- **Lamentations 3:52-53**
"I have been hunted like a bird by those who were my enemies without cause; they flung me alive into the pit and cast stones on me."
- **Matthew 5:10-12**
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
- **John 15:18-20**
"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours."
- **2 Timothy 3:12**
"Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."
- **1 Peter 4:4**
"With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you."

SCRIPTURES ON GOD'S PROTECTION

- **Psalm 3:3**
"But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head."
- **Psalm 18:2**
"The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."
- **Psalm 23:4**
"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."
- **Psalm 34:7**
"The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them."
- **Psalm 46:1**
"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
- **Psalm 91:1-2**
"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of

the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

– **Psalm 91:4**

"He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler."

– **Psalm 121:7-8**

"The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."

– **Proverbs 18:10**

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe."

– **Isaiah 41:10**

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

– **Isaiah 54:17**

"No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their vindication from me, declares the LORD."

– **Zechariah 2:5**

"And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the LORD, and I will be the glory in her midst."

– **John 10:28-29**

"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

– **Romans 8:31**

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

– **2 Thessalonians 3:3**

"But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one."

PURITAN QUOTES ON HYPOCRITES

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DISCUSSION / STUDY QUESTIONS

Below are revised study and discussion questions based on the provided sermon notes for 1 Samuel 19, "The Hatred of Hypocrites and the Protection of the Lord." I have removed contractions (e.g., replacing "you're" with "you are") to align with your request. The questions are organized into categories to facilitate understanding, reflection, and application, suitable for individual study, small group discussion, or classroom settings. They engage both adults and younger audiences (noted as "Boys and Girls" in the sermon).

Study and Discussion Questions

I. Understanding the Context and Narrative (1 Samuel 19)

1. Contextual Background:

- What is the historical and biblical context of 1 Samuel 19? Describe the relationship between Saul and David at this point in the narrative.
- Why is Saul envious of David, and how does this envy manifest in his actions in this chapter?
- How does the fact that David has been anointed as the future king, but not yet crowned, shape the events of this passage?

2. Narrative Details:

- List the five attempts by Saul to murder David in 1 Samuel 19. For each attempt, identify how the Lord protected David.
- Who are the key figures that God uses to protect David (such as Jonathan, Michal, Samuel)? What does this suggest about the diversity of means God employs to protect His people?
- How does the Spirit of God intervene in the fourth and fifth instances of protection (1 Sam. 19:20-24)? What is significant about this unusual intervention?

3. Boys and Girls Question:

- Imagine you are David, and someone like Saul is trying to hurt you. Who are the people God might send to help you, as Jonathan or Michal helped David? How can you trust God to protect you in tough situations?

II. Exploring the Doctrine

4. Core Doctrine:

- The sermon summarizes the doctrine as: "Hypocrites will hate the faithful, and the Lord will protect His people." How does 1 Samuel 19 illustrate this truth?
- Why do you think hypocrites are described as hating the faithful? What motivates this hatred, based on the sermon and Scripture?

5. Hypocrisy in Scripture:

- According to the sermon, how does Jesus describe hypocrites in Matthew 23? What are some characteristics of hypocrisy that He condemns?
- What does it mean that a hypocrite is an "actor"? How might this definition apply to people today who claim to follow God but act contrary to His will?

6. God's Protection:

- The sermon cites several Scriptures (such as Psalm 3:3, Zechariah 2:5, John 10:28-29) to show God's promise to protect His people. How do these verses complement the story of David's protection in 1 Samuel 19?

- What does it mean that God protects His people through a "diversity of means"? Can you think of examples from your own life or others' lives where God provided protection in unexpected ways?

7. Boys and Girls Question:

- The sermon says God is like a shield, a fortress, and a wall of fire for His people. Which of these pictures helps you feel safe when you are scared? Why?

III. Personal Reflection and Application

8. Self-Examination:

- The sermon encourages examining oneself for "hypocritical growths" that need to be addressed through repentance, faith, and obedience. What are some signs of hypocrisy you might look for in your own life?
- How can you ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify and remove hypocrisy from your thoughts, words, or actions?

9. Facing Hatred:

- Jesus warns in John 15:20 that if the world persecuted Him, it will also persecute His followers. Have you ever experienced opposition or hatred for your faith? How did you respond, and how might this sermon encourage you in similar situations?
- 1 John 3:13 says, "Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you." Why might it be surprising if the world does not oppose a Christian? What does this suggest about living faithfully?

10. Trusting God's Protection:

- The sermon references Romans 8:28, which says God works all things for good for those who love Him. How can this promise comfort you when facing trials or opposition?
- Reflect on Psalm 59 (quoted in the conclusion). How does David's response to danger—singing of God's strength and love—challenge or inspire your own response to difficulties?

11. Boys and Girls Question:

- When you feel like someone does not like you because you love Jesus, what can you do to remember that God is protecting you? How can you pray or talk to someone about it?

IV. Group Discussion and Broader Implications

12. Hypocrisy in the Church:

- How can hypocrisy manifest in a church community today? What steps can believers take to address it lovingly and biblically?
- The sermon notes that hypocrites may persecute the faithful openly or behind their backs. How can Christians respond to subtle or hidden forms of opposition within their communities?

13. God's Sovereignty:

- In 1 Samuel 19, God uses people (Jonathan, Michal), David's own skills, and His Spirit to protect David. What does this teach us about God's sovereignty in our lives?
- How can the assurance of God's protection (such as John 10:28-29) give believers confidence to live boldly for Christ, even in a hostile world?

14. Balancing Faith and Action:

- David both trusts God's protection and takes action (such as fleeing, hiding). How can Christians balance trusting God with taking practical steps to stay safe or wise in dangerous situations?
- Jonathan and Michal actively intervene to help David. What are ways you can be a "Jonathan" or "Michal" to someone facing opposition for their faith?

15. Boys and Girls Discussion:

- Share a time when you felt God kept you safe, as He did for David. What did you learn about God from that experience? How can we help each other trust God when things are hard?

V. Connecting to the Gospel

16. Christ as the Faithful One:

- The sermon notes that the Pharisees hated Jesus, the ultimate faithful servant (Mark 3:6). How does Jesus' experience of hatred and persecution relate to David's story in 1 Samuel 19?
- How does Jesus' victory over sin and death provide hope for believers facing hatred or hypocrisy today?

17. Eternal Security:

- The sermon cites John 10:28-29, where Jesus promises that no one can snatch His people from His or the Father's hand. How does this promise of eternal security encourage believers to persevere through opposition?
- How does the doctrine of God's protection in this sermon point to the ultimate salvation described in 1 Peter 1:3-5?

18. Responding with Praise:

- In Psalm 59, David responds to danger with praise for God's strength and love. How can meditating on God's promises (such as Romans 8:31, "If God is for us, who can be against us?") lead you to worship, even in trials?
- How does the gospel—God's ultimate act of love and protection through Christ—motivate you to trust and praise Him, as David did?

