

# 1 Samuel 19: Words

## Chapter 18 Review

- Jonathan **loved David as himself** showing meekness (strength under submission)
- Jonathan **gave up the throne...as we should**
- Saul's jealousy of David **opened the door to other sins** and even demonic activity
- Everything Saul tried... **failed**. He was led by his flesh
- **Everything** David did **was successful**. He was led and moved by God's Spirit. **Like a tree planted by water!**
- **Do what is right...**and let the chips fall where they may

## Chapter 19

1Now **Saul told Jonathan** his son and all his servants to **put David to death** But Jonathan, Saul's son, greatly delighted in David. 2So Jonathan told David saying, "Saul my father is seeking to put you to death. Now therefore, please be on guard in the morning, and stay in a secret place and hide yourself. 3"I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak with my father about you; if I find out anything, then I will tell you."

- Saul's secret sin is now **exposed**
- He **wants Jonathans help** to kill David
- Jonathan **intercedes...**he delighted in David
- **Intercession:** Standing in the gap by **speaking words** of peace

**Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers,** for they shall be called sons of God..."

- A true son of God seeks peace
- Speaking words of peace blesses the LORD

4Then Jonathan **spoke well of David** to Saul his father and said to him, "Do not let the king sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds have been very beneficial to you. 5"For he took his life in his hand and struck the Philistine, and the LORD brought about a great deliverance for all Israel; you saw it and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against **innocent blood** by putting David to death without a cause?"

- God hates what Saul is doing...really!
- Does God hate?

**Proverbs 6:16** (Read) There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: 17 **Haughty eyes** [arrogant superiority], a **lying tongue**, And **hands that shed innocent blood**, 18A **heart that devises wicked plans**, Feet that **run rapidly to evil**, 19A false witness who utters lies, And **one who spreads strife among brothers**. [lack of agreement or harmony. i.e. "harshing my mellow"]

- Jonathan stood in the gap for David ("... **spoke well of David**")
- Spoke the truth in love to his father (**your wrong**) "Why then will you sin...?"

**Proverbs 27:6** Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy

- Friends tell the truth in love. Jonathan loved his father
- His words changed Saul's mind...for now
- Words are powerful

**Proverbs 25: 11** Like apples of gold in settings of silver Is a word spoken in right circumstances.

**Isaiah 50:4** The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know **how to sustain the weary one with a word**

**Proverbs 15:1** A **gentle answer turns away wrath**, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

6Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul vowed, "**As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death.**" 7Then Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these words. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as formerly.

- "As the LORD lives": An oath...meaningless from Saul
- Looks like back to normal...swept under the rug!

8When there was **war again**, David went out and fought with the Philistines and defeated them with great slaughter, so that they fled before him. 9Now there was an **evil spirit from the LORD on Saul** as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand, and David

was **playing the harp** with his hand. 10 Saul **tried to pin David** to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, so that he stuck the spear into the wall. And **David fled** and escaped that night.

- **War** again; Victory for David again; Jealousy and a demon for Saul again. Evil spirit "on" Saul
- **David fights; then plays the harp.** (whole person, well rounded, complicated, not superficial)
- Saul tries to pin David, David leaves the palace for home

11Then Saul sent **messengers to David's house to watch him**, in order to put him to death in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be put to death." 12 So Michal let David down through a window, and he went out and fled and escaped.

- After David's victory his enemy watches
- After our victories Satan watches for an opportunity to destroy us

**1 Peter 5:8** Be of sober spirit, be on the alert Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

13Michal took the **household idol** and laid it on the bed, and put a quilt of goats' hair at its head, and covered it with clothes. 14When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick." 15Then Saul sent messengers to see David, saying, "**Bring him up to me on his bed**, that I may put him to death." 16When the messengers entered, behold, the household idol was on the bed with the quilt of goats' hair at its head.

- **Household Idol:** Pagan statues for around the house
- ...on his bed. Saul's true colors!

17So Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?" And Michal said to Saul, "He said to me, '**Let me go! Why should I put you to death?**'"

- **Michal lies** to Saul and says David threatened her as she tried to stop him
- Lying words...causing hurt to others

18Now David fled and escaped and came to **Samuel at Ramah**, and

told him all that Saul had done to him And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.

- **Ramah:** Samuel the prophets home town
- "This guy obviously doesn't understand that you said I would be king!"

19 It was told Saul, saying, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah."  
20Then Saul **sent messengers** to take David, but when they saw the **company of the prophets** prophesying, with **Samuel standing and presiding over them**, the **Spirit of God came upon the messengers** of Saul; and they also prophesied. 21When it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they **also prophesied**. So Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied.

- **Naioth:** School of the prophets
- Company of the prophets with old Samuel leading
- 3 times Saul sent men
- 3 times the Spirit of God overwhelmed them and...
- **Everyone prophesied:** Spoke the Word of God

22Then **he himself went** to Ramah and came as far as the large well that is in Secu; and he asked and said, "Where are Samuel and David?" And someone said, "Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah."  
23He proceeded there to Naioth in Ramah; and the **Spirit of God came upon him** also, so that **he went along prophesying** continually until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24He also stripped off his clothes, and he too **prophesied before Samuel and lay down naked all that day and all that night Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"**

- **Holy Spirit influence:** Power

**Proverbs 16:9** The mind of man plans his way, But **the LORD directs his steps**.

- Saul was **not able** to go his own way
- We have the power to see lives change direction (God's power)

**Acts 1:8** (Read)...but you will **receive power when the Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and you shall **be My witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

- **Power:** gr. Dunamus (Dynamite)
- Power to change hearts and minds
- Power to speak **words of life**

## CONCLUSION:

- Blessed are the peacemakers for they are the sons of God
- Our words can heal or hurt...they are powerful
- Speaking the truth in love is our calling
- Speaking the Word of God is our privilege

**John 16:8** (Read) "And He [Holy Spirit], when He comes, will convict the world concerning **sin** and **righteousness** and **judgment**;

- We were (are) all **sinner**s in rebellion against a Holy God
- Jesus lived the **righteous** and perfect life in our place
- **Judgment** was placed on Him...for us as he suffered and died on a cross
- He rose from the dead proving His offering was accepted
- We can accept Jesus gift, or be judged ourselves

**Revelation 12:10** (Read) Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 11"And **they overcame him** because of the **blood of the Lamb** and because of the **word of their testimony**, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

**Tell others**