

## I. The Undeniable Rise of David (1-7)

A. David was honored by Jonathan (1-4) - "Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as his own soul...stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt."

B. David was favored by God (5a) - "And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants."

C. David was beloved by the people (6-7) - "As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments. 7 And the women sang to one another as they celebrated, "Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten-thousands."

## II. The Unholy Downfall of King Saul (8-11a)

A. Envy & paranoia (8a) - "And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?"  
Saul already knew that he was a lame-duck king {13:14, 15:28}

B. Insecure & preoccupied (9) - "And Saul eyed David from that day on."

C. Demonized & deceived (10-11a) - "The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. 11a And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall."

## III. The Unstoppable Intentions of God (11b-16)

A. David was sober-minded (11b) - "But David evaded him twice." Humble & submissive, but not ignorant

David was no fool; he kept as close watch on Saul as Saul did David, yet with altogether different motives.

B. David was anointed (12) - "Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul."

C. David was submissive (13) - "So Saul removed him from his presence and made him a commander of a thousand. And he went out and came in before the people."

David submitted to Saul as unto the Lord and God blessed him greatly!

D. David was being elevated (14-16) - "14 And David had success in all his undertakings, for the Lord was with him. 15 And when Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in fearful awe of him."

Nobody, not even Saul, could deny that God had exalted David to superiority in the land!

E. David was unstoppable (16) - "But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them."