

Sin of Cain – Blood of Abel

And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. 6 The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it."

8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. – Genesis 4:4-8

Envy - Jealousy

A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot.

-Proverbs 14:30

1 Samuel 18

- David Kills Goliath
- David Speaks with Saul
- God Gives David Favor with Jonathan

1 Samuel 18:1-5

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan 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. 5 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.

David Was Successful

How?

Why?

1 Samuel 18:6-9

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Saul Was Angry

Why?

How?

1 Samuel 18:10-16

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David evaded him twice.

¹² Saul was afraid of David because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. 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. 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. ¹⁶ But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them.

What is the Root of David's Success?

What is the Cause of Saul's Anger?

1 Samuel 18:17-30

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- ²⁹ Saul was even more afraid of David. So Saul was David's enemy continually.
- ³⁰ Then the commanders of the Philistines came out to battle, and as often as they came out David had more success than all the servants of Saul, so that his name was highly esteemed.

1 Samuel 18:21

21 Saul thought, "Let me give her to him, that she may be a snare for him and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David a second time, "You shall now be my sonin-law."

Psalm 41 and David's Rise

- 1 Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;
- 2 the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- 3 The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.
- 4 As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

Psalm 41 and David's Rise

- 5 My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die, and his name perish?"
- 6 And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- 7 All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.
- 8 They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."

Psalm 41 and David's Rise

- ⁹ Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- ¹⁰ But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- ¹¹ By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- ¹² But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.
- ¹³ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

Psalm 41

What is David's Need?

What is David's Hope?

One more connection between David and Jesus: Psalm 41:9

John 13:18 I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.'

Conclusions

Is it any surprise that Saul is jealous? Jesus died for that.

Is it any surprise that this jealousy led Saul to deceive and sin greatly? Jesus died for that.

Is it any surprise that _____ evil happened? Jesus died for that.

Is it any surprise that Jesus washed Judas' feet? We are called to do the same. Go to John 13 as we close.

