

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF 1 SAMUEL

[PART 39] THE EAGLE AND THE CROWS

Reading: 1 Samuel 19:1 - 12

Introduction

- The lives of 2 men, Saul and David are becoming inter-twined to form a unique picture.
- One is a dark thread and the other a bright thread.
- One hates the other and is plotting to destroy him.

NB. Never forget the authentic hallmark of a child of God [John 13:34 - 35].

- [19:1] What Saul had kept secret in his heart now bursts forth and becomes public.

1 The Protection Of God For His People

- These verses underscore for us the truth that God protects those who are His children.
- Consider: [Psalm 121:5], [Psalm 17:7 - 8], [Psalm 25: 19 - 20], [Psalm 34:8], [Psalm 91:11], [Isaiah 26:3] and [Luke 22:31 - 32].

2 God Used Saul's Own Family To Keep David Protected

- In [vs 2 - 7] God used Saul's son Jonathan to protect David.
- Jonathan does the right thing standing up for David.
- In [vs 11 - 17] God uses Saul's daughter Michal to keep David safe.

3 God uses natural things to protect David and then He uses divine/ supernatural means to do so. [vs 20 - 24].

- Saul sends messengers/soldiers to arrest David 3 times.
- Each time the Holy Spirit comes upon them and they prophesy.
- Saul decides to do the same job himself [vs 22].
- Jehovah humiliates Saul as He protects His child.

4 How To Behave When The Crows Are Pecking

- While Saul behaves appallingly, David behaves himself with grace. [!8: 5, 14, 15, 30].
- When the crows peck, just do what the eagle does - soar higher.

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