

The God of David

Saul Determines to Kill David

1 Samuel 18-20

Lesson 7

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Dark days of Judges

- ▶ A point of light in Bethlehem (Ruth)
- ▶ Hannah's hope – *Messiah/King*
- ▶ Depravity of the nation
 - Defilement of the Divine presence
 - The final judge rejected
 - Rejection of Divine rule
- ▶ Divine mercy
 - Granting a false king
 - Grace – forward progress of the plan of God
 - Samuel – return of the Word
 - Anointing David as King – “man after God's heart”

Presentation of King David

- ▶ Shepherd
- ▶ Saul's minstrel – minister of peace
- ▶ Victorious warrior
- ▶ “Whose son is this youth?” (17:55-58)
- ▶ “The son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite”

1 Samuel 18-20

▶ 18:1-9 – Jonathan and David

- Loved by Saul, Jonathan and Michal
- Covenant + selfless love
- Saul set him over men of war
- Blessed and exalted by faithfulness
- Selfish love becomes jealousy
 - A pattern in history – Joseph's brothers (Acts 7:9) and Christ (Luke 15:10)
 - Pride – root sin
- Saul cast a suspicious eye on David – potential rival for the throne

1 Samuel 18-20

- ▶ 18:10-16 – Saul determines to kill David
 - A harmful spirit from the LORD
 - David escaped twice
 - Saul feared – because the LORD was with David
 - Appointment as Commander of a thousand
 - Success – loved of Israel and feared by Saul

1 Samuel 18-20

- ▶ 18:17-30 – Marriage of David and Michal
 - Double cross – King's daughter for David
 - David's humility
 - Saul's characteristic unfaithfulness
 - Michal – “marriage trap”
 - LORD with David
 - Saul is afraid – the enemy of David
 - David is successful and is highly esteemed

1 Samuel 18-20

- ▶ 19:1-10 – Jonathan's intercession
 - Command to kill David
 - Jonathan's intervention – conversation in the field
 - Saul's oath to forbear
 - David restored to the king's presence as before
 - Victory in battle
 - Harmful spirit from the LORD
 - David escaped the spear of Saul

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- ▶ 19:11-17 – Michal saves David
 - Messengers sent to kill David – Psalm 59
 - Michal's plan to deceive her father
 - Teraphim – image for worship
 - Gen. 21:25-35 – Rachel stole her father's teraphim
 - Judges 17-18 – Micah's ephod and teraphim
 - 1 Sam. 15:23 – Rebellion is as . . . idolatry (teraphim)
 - 2 Kings 23:24 – images (teraphim) – abomination
 - Zech. 10:2 – idols (teraphim)
 - The patient survives
 - Michal's lie about David

1 Samuel 18-20

- ▶ 19:18-24 – Protected by the Spirit of God
 - 4 attempts to capture David
 - Spirit of God intervened directly
 - Saul humiliated in the eyes of the people
 - Is Saul also among the prophets? – a joke or mocking question

1 Samuel 18-20

- ▶ 20:1-23 – David’s despair
 - David: “but a step between me and death.”
 - David’s plan – skip dinner to test the king
 - Jonathan’s promise
 - Jonathan’s request for blessing for his household forever
 - Covenant – second time
 - Shooting practice
 - Jonathan: “The LORD has sent you away” (20:22)

1 Samuel 18-20

- ▶ 20:24-42 – Saul determines to kill David
 - The feast of the new moon
 - Jonathan's explanation of David's absence
 - Saul's anger – David's claim to the kingdom (20:31)
 - Jonathan escaped death
 - Shooting practice
 - The meeting and separation
 - The name of the LORD

The Mystery of Divine Providence

- ▶ Israel's king becomes like the nations
 - Ignorance of Samuel and the Kingdom of God (10:16)
 - No fear of God
 - Initial successes: Repeated victories over enemies (14:47-48)
 - Hostility to the God of Israel and the Messiah King
 - The ancient sin – pride before the Most High God
 - Turns away from judging Israel and fighting their battles (8:20)
 - Focus now upon David as the enemy – the anointed of the LORD

The Mystery of Divine Providence

- ▶ Efforts to kill David – 12 times . . . with more to come
 - 18:11 – 2 attempts with the spear
 - 18:17 – 1 attempt in battle
 - 18:25 – 1 attempt by bride price
 - 19:1 – direct command to Jonathan and all his servants
 - 19:9-10 – 3rd attempt with the spear
 - 19:11 – command to kill him at home
 - 19:15 – command to bring him (sick) in his bed
 - 19:19 – messengers sent 3 times to bring David to Saul
 - 19:22 – Saul goes to Nain to get David
 - 20:31 – command to Jonathan to bring David to Saul

The Mystery of Divine Providence

► Deliverance by the LORD

- David personally evaded 3 spears
- Victory in battle against Philistines
- Jonathan protected David
- Michal protected David
- Holy Spirit protected David
- David exalted before the nation – even before Saul's servants

The Mystery of Divine Providence

▶ David's response

- Faithfulness to Saul - submission
- Despair – “a step between me and death” (v. 20)
- Deception
- Running – occupies several chapters of the Bible and several years

David's Prayer – Psalm 59

- ▶ A cry for deliverance from the LORD (1)
- ▶ No fault of mine (4)
- ▶ Enemies defy the LORD (7)
- ▶ Let them be trapped in their pride (12)
- ▶ Show local and universal rule of God Jacob (13)

David's Testimony – Psalm 59

- ▶ David's response to the providence of God in his life
 - 59:9 – אֶשְׁמְרָה (eshmorah) – watch/wait
 - 59:17 – אֶזְמְרָה (azamerah) – sing praises
- ▶ The basis for David's faith
 - 59:10 – the steadfast love/mercy of the LORD
 - 59:17 – the steadfast love/mercy of the LORD is for me

The LORD is my Shepherd . . .

- ▶ The paths of righteousness for His Name's sake
 - Under sentence of death by Saul and daily at risk
 - The righteous way of the LORD
- ▶ A fearful depressing time
 - Watch and wait for the LORD'S deliverance
 - Sing praises to the LORD