

## **“Loyalty Wanted – Inquire Within”**

**1 Samuel 19:1-24**

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God’s hand of protection upon David is at full display in this passage. Let’s examine how God utilizes loyal people as part of His protection for David.

**1 Samuel 17:** David Kills Goliath and David is favored by Saul.

**1 Samuel 18:** Jonathan and David become friends, and David stays in the King’s palace. David grows in popularity; King Saul becomes jealous. **1 Samuel 18:7-8**

**1 Samuel 18:12 Now Saul was afraid of David, for the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul.**

Saul tries to set up David for death in multiple ways and numerous times. His attempts fail.

**Thought Of The Passage:** “Loyalty Becomes God’s Instrument To Protect His Called And Preserve His Purpose In Times Of Danger.”

**1. Verses 1-6 Jonathan’s Loyalty To David**

**2. Verses 7-10 David’s Loyalty To Saul**

**3. Verses 11-17 Michal’s Loyalty To David**

**4. Verse 18 Samuel’s Loyalty To David**

**5. Verses 19-24 God’s Loyalty To David**

**1. Verses 1-6 Jonathan’s Loyalty To David**

**1 Samuel 19:1b But Jonathan, Saul’s son, greatly delighted in David.**

**1 Samuel 18:1-4 Jonathan and David**

**“...the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself.”** Jonathan was a good friend.

**Proverbs 17:17, Proverbs 18:24, Proverbs 27:6**

**1 Samuel 19:2** Despite his father's hatred and intention to kill David, Jonathan warns him of Saul's plans, urging him to hide.

**\*[Loyalty Forewarns Of Danger]**

**1 Samuel 19:3**

**Jonathan Intercedes for David**

**1 Samuel 19:4** Then Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Do not let the king sin against his servant David,

**1 Samuel 19:5 Why then will you sin against innocent blood by putting David to death without a cause?"** Jonathan shows wisdom in his speech, defending David while remaining respectful and logical.  
**\*[Loyalty Intercedes]**

Jonathan's actions demonstrate a commitment to righteousness that supersedes his obligation to obey his father and king when it conflicted with God's will and his deep loyalty to David. **\*[Loyalty Does What Is Right]**

Jonathan's actions exemplify the importance of having loyal friends who encourage and protect us in our walk with God.

**1 Samuel 19:6 Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul vowed, "As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death."**

We must be willing to hear reason - correction, even from those who are subordinates, employees, or even our children.

## **2. Verses 7-10 David's Loyalty To Saul**

**1 Samuel 19:7 And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as formerly. \*[Loyalty Forgives]**

Saul has tried to spear David at least two times and tried to have him killed by the hand of the Philistines, and even made him his son-in-law, so that Michal may become a snare to him (1 Sam. 18:21)

**Saul's treachery is met with David's Loyalty.**

**This speaks to David's Loyal Heart: Psalms 35:13-14**

David had the chance to kill Saul and take vengeance. **1 Samuel 24:6**

**1 Samuel 19:8**

**Galatians 6:9 (NLT) So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. \*[Loyalty Is Steadfast]**

**1 Samuel 19:9**

**1 Samuel 19:10 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.**

*Saul either deceived himself, thinking he would be exonerated of murdering David, or simply did not care.*

Saul has yet another change of heart for the worse! **Jeremiah 17:9**

Anger is a terrible thing: **Ephesians 4:26-27**

## **3. Verses 11-17 Michal's Loyalty To David**

**1 Samuel 19:11 Then Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, in order to put him to death in the morning.**

Michal's wife intervenes by warning David – she tells him he is in danger of death:

**1 Samuel 19:11b But Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be put to death."**

*Michal – (Who is like God? – Hebrew – Mee-jhal)*

**1 Samuel 18:20 Now Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David. When they told Saul, the thing was agreeable to him.**

**1 Samuel 19:12 So Michal let David down through a window, and he went out and fled and escaped.** The doors are guarded. If David did not leave, he would see the sun for the very last time.

**\*[Loyalty Takes Action]**

### **PSALM 59:1-3**

**1 Samuel 19:13 Michal 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.**

**Why would they even have a household idol?**

1. In the culture, this was a *teraphim*
2. It's possible that it was Michal's and not David's.
3. Possible **syncretism** – Mixture of religion with pagan practices of the time.

**1 Samuel 19:14 ... she said, "He is sick."**

Michal's actions show a prioritization of her loyalty to her husband over her loyalty to her father.

**1 Samuel 19:15 Then Saul sent messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me on his bed, that I may put him to death."**

As if saying, 'If you can't do it, bring him here and I will slay him.'

**1 Samuel 19:16 When the messengers entered, behold, the household idol was on the bed with the quilt of goats' hair at its head.** (Oh no, we've been fooled, and our boss' plan was foiled!)

**1 Samuel 19:17a So Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?"**

The biblical principle of "*leaving and cleaving.*" **Genesis 4:24**

**1 Samuel 19:17b And Michal said to Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I put you to death?'"**

I'm not sure a reasonable person would say her story is credible.

#### **4. Verse 18 Samuel's Loyalty To David**

**1 Samuel 19:18a Now David fled and escaped and came to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him.**

David could have run back home in Bethlehem. But instead, he goes to Samuel – the spiritual leader who anointed him as the future king (**1 Samuel 16**). **Do you make God your refuge?**

**Psalms 5:1-3**

**1 Samuel 19:18b And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.**  
Where the school of the prophets was.

#### **5. Verses 19-24 God's Loyalty To David**

**1 Samuel 19:19 It was told Saul, saying, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah."**

**1 Samuel 19:20** God's presence overcame these officers, and they also prophesied.

**1 Samuel 19:21a When it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied.** [Let's send in reinforcements]  
**1 Samuel 19:21b So Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied.**

They tried to seize David and instead were seized by the almighty God. Has God seized you?

**1 Samuel 19:22 Then he himself went to Ramah** - Saul is thirsty for the blood of David.

**1 Samuel 19:23**

**1 Samuel 19:24** Saul's burning hatred was no match for the presence of God.

**Loyalty is far more precious**, and demand for it in this day and age is at an all-time high. **\*[Loyalty Loves]**

#### **Application:**

1. Loyalty Speaks and Protects Those In Harm's Way.
2. How Do I Rate On The Loyalty Scale?
3. Do I Appreciate The Loyal People God Placed On My Life?
4. Have I Made A Commitment To Be A Loyal Person In God's Hand, Fit For His Purpose?
5. Is There Any Reason To Doubt God's Loyal Hand Of Protection For My Life?