

SALVATION & THE FUTURE 1 SAM. 19

The future grips us all to some degree:

- Some attempt to control it
- Some fear it
- Some ignore it &/ maybe drown it
- Some are nagged by it
- And for most...

1 Samuel 19:1 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

So will God continue to save David? If so how?

I. God saves through the **intervention** of a friend!

1 Samuel 19:2 But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret *place*, and hide thyself: **1 Samuel 19:3** And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou *art*, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

1 Samuel 19:4 And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works *have been* to thee-ward very good: **1 Samuel 19:5** For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest *it*, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

1 Samuel 19:6 And **Saul** **hearkened** unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, *As* the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.

1 Samuel 19:7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

Jonathan was a friend:

- Who spoke up
- Who spoke truth
- Who spoke but first protected David
- Who spoke as a friend & with his own authority as the king's son
- Who spoke persuasively

In the normal state of things this is how God does business. He uses means **such as** work, medicine, money, family, friends...

II. God saves through the **deception** of a wife!

1 Samuel 19:8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him. **1 Samuel 19:9** And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with *his* hand. **1 Samuel 19:10** And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

Thoughts:

- Life never remains the same
- Life is never stable
- Saul is still Saul
- Danger always returns
- God continues to save

- Save through a wife
- Saved through...a ...actually multiple

1 Samuel 19:11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.**1 Samuel 19:12** So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.**1 Samuel 19:13** And Michal took an image (אִתְּהָרָרְפִים), and laid *it* in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster, and covered *it* with a cloth.**1 Samuel 19:14** And when Saul sent messengers to take David, **she** said, He *is* sick.**1 Samuel 19:15** And Saul sent the messengers *again* to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.**1 Samuel 19:16** And when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster.**1 Samuel 19:17** And Saul said unto Michal, **Why** hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; **why** should I kill thee?
1 Samuel 19:18 So David fled, and escaped, and came to....

Psalms 76:10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

Ephesians 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, **being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:**

Acts 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, **Acts 4:28** For to do **whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.**

Romans 8:28 And we know that **all** things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

III. God saves through the **subversion** of a tyrant+!

1 Samuel 19:18 So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.**1 Samuel 19:19** And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah.**1 Samuel 19:20** And Saul sent messengers (מְלָאָכִים) to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul (עַל־מְלָאָכֵי שָׂאֵל), and **they also** (גַּם־הִנְּמָה) prophesied.**1 Samuel 19:21** And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers (מְלָאָכִים אֲחֵרִים), and they prophesied **likewise** (גַּם־הִנְּמָה). And Saul sent messengers (מְלָאָכִים) again the third time, and **they prophesied also** (גַּם־הִנְּמָה). **1 Samuel 19:22** Then went **he also** (גַּם־הוּא) to Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth in Ramah.**1 Samuel 19:23** And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon **him also** (גַּם־הוּא), and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.**1 Samuel 19:24** And he stripped off his clothes **also** (: גַּם־הוּא), and prophesied before Samuel **in like manner** (גַּם־הוּא), and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?