

David's Faithful Shepherd Protects Him (1 Samuel 19-20)

Context: While David had found a loyal friend in Jonathan, Saul responded to the LORD's hand of blessing on David with a bitter and murderous animosity that only grew worse over time.

Study: In 1 Samuel 19-20 we see how the LORD—who was David's faithful Shepherd—continued to protect David by thwarting and overruling Saul's ongoing attempts to kill David.

- I. **Jonathan helps Saul to change his mind about murdering David. (19:1-7)**

- II. **Michal deceives Saul and helps David to escape. (19:8-18)**

- III. **The Spirit of God thwarts Saul's murderous plot against David. (19:19-24)**

- IV. **Jonathan vainly tries to reason with Saul but protects David's life a second time. (20:1-42)**

- David would never let his covenant with Jonathan be broken or forgotten. (2 Samuel 9)
- Jonathan would see David once more before his death with Saul in battle. (23:16-18)

OBSERVATIONS

- ❖ While Saul got closer to David with each of his murderous plots, God used both His Spirit and Saul's children to faithfully preserve David's life.
- ❖ If "the LORD is with" you, nothing man or Satan can do to oppose you will succeed. (*Romans 8:31—"If God be for us, who can be against us?"*)
- ❖ **Psalm 59** was written when David was pinned down and surrounded in his own house by Saul before God used Michal in helping David to escape.
- ❖ **Psalm 23:5** – "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."

LOOKING AHEAD: 1 Samuel 23:7-24:22; 26:1-25 (David Shows Great Mercy to Saul)