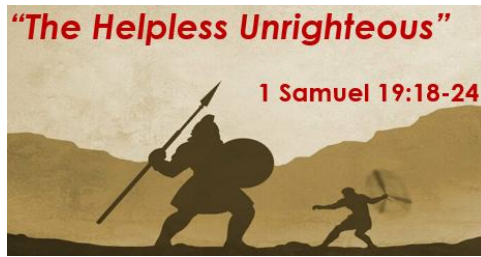


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Psalm 1

- The blessed man, happy fulfilled is the man
- That does not, that does...
- "He shall be like a tree..."
- "The ungodly are not so..."
- "...are like chaff" ← *worthless stuff, unstable, unsteady, all over the place! That's our world!*
- The unrighteous, ungodly are powerless before an omnipotent (all-powerful) God!

This is what we have here with Saul!

- Saul's plots fail again and again
- He's wasting time and energy
- But somehow, he thinks he is going to *get* David.
- So, it is with our (your) enemies – they are failing, they are helpless!
- But God is righteous, righteous people will win!

But there is also a warning!

- If the unrighteous (the world) thinks they can live any way they please...
- Do whatever they want...
- And somehow think *they* will *not* answer to a Holy God...
- This passage gives a **warning** that they are absolutely helpless before an omnipotent God!

Ungodly - helpless before God Almighty!

You are responsible before that God!

Let's note the events of this story to help us understand our responsibility before our God.

Note what happens in this text:

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I. DAVID FLEES TO SAMUEL

- A. Does not return home (v.18)
- B. Goes to seek Godly counsel
Where do *you* go to get Godly counsel? Or just encouragement?
- C. They both go to Naioth (v.18b)

II. GOD'S MULTIPLE PROTECTION OF DAVID

- A. Saul sends agents, troops (v.20)
- B. Can't control themselves
- C. Saul sends more, and more!

III. SAUL GOES AFTER DAVID HIMSELF

- A. Out of frustration & desperation (v.22)
- B. Ask for help, *directions*?
—————> *Why is this here in the text?*
- C. The spirit of God on him too (v.23).
Here God humbled, ridiculed, the most prominent man in Israel, King Saul!!

The Spirit of God on Saul, interesting to note:

It was God's Spirit who came upon Saul at the beginning of kingship. Now that Spirit from God haunts him rather than helps him!! Here the same divine intervention that helped David slay Goliath; now prohibits Saul from killing David.

- No one messes with God! They always lose! The warning is clear!

Zephaniah 1:8-16

Emp: v.12 - to punish those who sit complacent in their sins.

*Emp: v.17 - "**Because you have sinned against the Lord...**"*

CONCLUSION:

- Live for God, or live for self
- Parents, can I remind you...of *God's control* of your son/daughter!
- Do we understand that a sovereign God is in control of us?
- That God can and will humble you!
- Will you say, are you saying: "I am yours Lord?" "Whatever you want, I'll do!"