



David's Success: Rooted in Favour with God (1 Sam 18 - 19)

Study Notes Handout: Week Ten

Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had left Saul. (1 Sam. 18:12)

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6)

At this point in the story David and Saul are set side by side for our examination, for our warning, and for our encouragement... we see the sun begin to rise upon one life and to set upon the other...the same loving God, the same heavenly resources are at the disposal of both, but we see one of them steadily rising and the other steadily sinking. Let us examine the reason why one life should end in triumph and the other in tragedy.

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Sermon Outline: The favour of God on David's life resulted in:

1. Anointing: Being wise and having success (18:5, 14, 15, 30)

2. Friends: Being loved and favoured by many (16:21; 18:1, 3; 18:16; 18:20,22, 28)

3. Enemies: Being hated and feared by some (18:8 - 15, 29)

Questions for Reflection / Discussion:

- i. What are the factors that most reveal God's favour to David and His disfavour toward Saul? What part did David and Saul play in the experience of either God's favour or disfavour?
- ii. We see why the Spirit of God was upon David and what his anointing resulted in. Do you know why the Spirit of the Lord is upon you? (cf. Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18). Share this with someone.
- iii. Why do you think that David was loved by so many people? Can you think of someone you know who is particularly loved by many? What are the traits of this person?
- iv. Saul's hatred for David was rooted in fear. Do we see our enemies as being afraid? How might this help us live in the presence of our enemies (cf. Ps. 23:5)?



Personal Study Notes

Key Verses:

The Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power... the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul...
1 Samuel 18:12

When Saul realized that the LORD was with David and that his daughter Michal loved David, Saul became still more afraid of him, and he remained his enemy the rest of his days. The Philistine commanders continued to go out to battle, and as often as they did, David met with more success than the rest of Saul's officers, and his name became well known.
1 Samuel 18:28-30

The Story of Saul's Jealous Rage and Attempts to Kill David (18:1-30)

The Jealousy of Saul Over the Success of David: A Picture of Jealousy and Envy (18:1-9)

Saul Attempts to Kill David Eight Times (18:10 – 19:24)

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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