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Reading: 1 Samuel 19

Text: 1 Samuel 19:4-5

Outline: God's anointed

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Chapter 16 focuses on David – he is the one God has chosen and anointed; the messiah, the christ, the anointed one. We see a greater One, a greater Messiah, a greater Christ through looking at the life of David.

1) He is opposed

Again and again, David's life is in danger. It's a theme running through the book.

By a powerful enemy: David is opposed by Saul; the very king of Israel. Saul is the most important man in the land and he has the power to dispose of the lives of people. Saul wanted other men to kill David and he had the authority to order that. Saul wasn't just a strong man, but had authority and power that he used to try to destroy God's anointed.

By an unreasonable enemy: Jonathan shows his father the unreasonableness of wanting David dead – but then Saul tries to kill David again. Saul had a spear beside him, ready to kill. Saul thought that he was in danger and saw David as a threat. Saul wasn't right in his own mind. Even when his son spoke reason to him, the reason didn't prevail for long as a harmful spirit from the Lord was upon Saul. This made him very dangerous, to be an unreasonable man – his actions couldn't be predicted. Saul was unreliable and unreasonable, to the point of madness.

By a relentless enemy: There's a focus, a relentlessness in Saul that wants David dead. He wanted God's anointed dead.

In the life of Jesus, we see a life of opposition; He was constantly opposed, even by His own family. He was opposed by religious leaders, by those He came to save. There were powerful, dangerous, unreasonable people who stood against Christ. He was perfect, good, healing people, granting deliverance, preaching the gospel. Yet people relentlessly fought against Him and opposed Him. Like Saul, the enemies fighting against Jesus were controlled by more than human jealousy – they were tools in the hands of the devil and were involved in spiritual warfare. We see here in 1 Samuel, a picture of the opposition Jesus would face on earth.

2) He is loved

David wasn't hated by all, he was loved by some.

By Saul's son: Jonathan loved David. There was a great bond between the two.

Jonathan committed his life to the good of David's. There was a covenant between them. Jonathan emptied himself so that David would have the blessing. Saul's son delighted in David.

By Saul's daughter: Michal loved David. She helped him to escape because she loved him.

By Saul's mentor: Samuel loved David. We see this not in words, but in the actions we see of Samuel's protection, bringing him into his home. Samuel knew that David was chosen by God to be the next king of Israel. He knew the place of David in God's plan and so welcomed and honoured him.

Jesus had enemies around Him, but He also had friends who loved Him. Peter said, "where else shall we go, you have the words of eternal life." Mary, Martha and Lazarus loved and supported Jesus in spite of possible opposition. Jesus had many enemies, but also people who cared for Him. We see intimacy, friendship and support as Jesus asks His friends to pray for Him in the Garden of Gethsemane.

3) He is protected

By his friend: Saul wanted to kill David, but people came to the rescue. Jonathan didn't need to tell David his father's plans, but he did. Saul loved and honoured his father, but he also loved his best friend. Jonathan warned David of Saul's plans to kill him. Again and again, Jonathan does all he can to protect David. Jonathan helps David to escape, protecting him from danger and death.

By his wife: Michal realises the danger that David was in and so warned David of this and allows him to escape. Michal lies to her father, saying that David threatened her. God used Michal with her imperfections to protect His anointed. God uses people within Saul's family to protect David. We see the sovereignty of God in using those closest to Saul to overthrow Saul's plans.

By his God: God directly intervenes and protects David. The Spirit of God filled the messengers sent to kill David so that their plans were thwarted and they prophesied unwillingly. This happened to Saul as well. God strips Saul of robes, as he was stripping him of his regal authority as another would be king.

Jesus had many enemies, but God constantly intervened to protect Him - this happened when Jesus was a baby. As a man, we see how often people tried to stone Jesus, but they couldn't as His time hadn't come. Even when it was time for Jesus to die, we see the Spirit of God working. The high priest said that "it is good that one dies in the place of the people" - like Saul, the high priest in saying this was an unwilling prophet. God remained in control. Jesus rules. God's anointed rules.

4) He is victorious

Against his enemies: Because of divine protection, David is spared and wins the battle. David was protected by God, while Saul was not. God grants victory.

Against Israel's enemies: God granted victory against the Philistines, the enemies of the people of Israel. The Spirit of God was with David.

In His many battles, Christ won them all. The Sanhedrin thought they had won for a few days - but Christ rose from the dead. He was victorious. Christ defeated the devil and spiritual forces. He won for Himself, as well as for His people. All of His enemies were destroyed. We're more than conquerors in Christ. There are two camps to be in - with Jesus (God's anointed) or against Him (with the devil). There's no being neutral here. Ask Jesus to save you and welcome you into His kingdom.