

## 1 Samuel Lesson 36 Saul's Open Pursuit of David and David's Protection Part 2

### Key Themes in 1 Samuel :

- The connection between our obedience and our relationship to God
- God opposes the proud and exalts the humble
- Despite human evil, God is working out His purposes in history
- Kingship in Israel and God's plan to one day raise up an anointed divine king

### Background:

**Ramah:** Samuel's hometown about 2 miles east of Gibeah where Saul's court was.

**Naioth:** a word meaning "camps" or "dwellings". This was the location of the school of prophets which was led by Samuel.

**nakedness:** the term nakedness can denote the removal of an outer garment rather than entire nakedness. When Saul was overtaken by the Spirit of God he probably removed his outer kingly garment in front of Samuel.

### Key Words:

**prophecy: Strong's H5012 " naba"** from a root word meaning "to bubble up" or " to boil forth" hence to pour forth words. In 1 Samuel 19:20,21,23,and 24 it specifically means to prophesy or pour forth words in an ecstatic state. This occurred when the "Spirit of God" came upon them.

### Read I Samuel 19:18-24

David left his home and fled to the prophet Samuel at Ramah where he continued to experience God's protection.

1. Saul sent his messengers to Ramah in pursuit of David. When that failed, he went himself. According to 1 Samuel 19:19-24 how did the Spirit of God intervene to protect David and frustrate Saul?

2. Compare Saul's first experience of encountering Samuel and prophesying in 1 Samuel 10:1,5-12 with his experience here in 19:19-24. What makes the 2 experiences different?

**Application:** Saul and his messengers relied on their own strength and were overcome by the Spirit of God's power. When we are being attacked what are some of the ways we rely on our own strength?

Psalm 59 is a Mikhtam, which is an Epigrammatic or atonement poem written by David in response to the time Saul sent men to watch his house in order to kill him.

### **Read Psalm 59:1-17**

In this Psalm we can see David's heart and we gain deep insight into his relationship with God.

3. What requests did David make of God? 59:1-2; 4-5; 11-13. What do David's requests reveal about his relationship with God and his ability to trust God when in danger? What can we learn from David that we can apply to our own lives when we are being attacked?

4. Look throughout the psalm for all the ways David either addressed God or described Him. What does this reveal about David's perception of God?

5. In 59:16-17 we see David's heart revealed after he has concluded his prayer? What did he say he would do and why? Looking back over 1 Samuel 19 how did God answer his prayer?

**Application:** What are some lessons we can learn from Psalm 59 when we need protection from the Lord?