

Michal Saves David's Life

1 Samuel 19

Psalm 59

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Saul was determined to kill David. But Saul's son Jonathan had great affection for David, so he brokered a reconciliation between the two. But one day, Saul hurled a spear at David. David dodged the spear and fled.

Saul sent men to watch David's house. They were told to kill him when he came out the next morning. But Michal, David's wife, warned him. David prayed, "O God, rescue me from my enemies. They are out there waiting to ambush me. But you are my refuge, my strength, my loving God."

Michal helped David climb out a window, and he escaped. Then she took an idol, put it in his bed, covered it with blankets, and put some goat's hair at its head.

Michal told Saul's men David was sick, unable to get out of bed. Saul commanded them, "Bring him to me in his bed. I will kill him myself." When Michal's deception was discovered, Saul asked her, "Why have let my enemy escape?"

She replied. "He threatened to kill me if I didn't help him."

David went to Samuel and told him everything Saul had done to him. Saul sent men to capture David. But when they arrived they found Samuel leading a group of prophets who were prophesying. The Spirit of God came upon Saul's men, and they also began to prophesy. Saul sent other men, but they prophesied, too. The same thing happened a third time. Finally, Saul went himself. Suddenly the Spirit of God came upon him, and he, too, began to prophesy as he walked along. When he arrived he tore off his clothes and lay naked on the ground all day and all night, prophesying.