

# 1 Samuel 18:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Saul's attempt to 'smite David even to the wall' escalated from jealousy to attempted murder. The Hebrew *nakah* (to strike) indicates lethal intent. David's escape 'out of his presence twice' demonstrates both divine protection and David's alertness. Saul's willingness to murder during worship indicates how completely sin had corrupted his heart. The twice-repeated attempt shows this was pattern, not momentary madness.

## Historical Context

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Royal javelins were designed for throwing in combat. Saul's attempt during a private musical session would have left no witnesses to the 'accident' he might have claimed. David's ability to dodge twice suggests he was watching Saul's unstable behavior carefully.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How do you remain alert to danger while continuing faithful service?
2. What does Saul's violence teach about where unchecked jealousy ultimately leads?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּטֹּל	וַיִּטֹּל	אֶת	הַחֶבֶל	וַיֹּאמֶר	אֲנִי	דָּוִד
cast	And Saul	H853	the javelin	for he said	I will smite	David
H2904	H7586		H2595	H559	H5221	H1732
וְבִקַּי	וְיָסַב	דָּוִד	מִפְּנֵי	פַּעַמַּיִם:		
even to the wall	avoided out	David	of his presence	twice		
H7023	H5437	H1732	H6440	H6471		

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 20:33** (References David): And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

**Isaiah 54:17** (Parallel theme): No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.