

# 1 Samuel 18:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.**

Michal's love for David created another opportunity for Saul's scheming: 'she may be a snare to him' (v.21). The Hebrew *moqesh* (snare/trap) reveals Saul's intent to use his daughter as bait. The irony deepens: both royal children loved David, and Saul would use both their affections for murderous purposes. Yet God would use Michal to save David's life (19:11-17), turning Saul's snare into escape route.

## Historical Context

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Royal daughters were typically married for political advantage. Michal's genuine love for David was unusual in such arrangements. Her status as Saul's daughter would later complicate her relationship with David as political tensions increased.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How has God transformed what others intended for harm into means of blessing?
2. What does the complexity of Michal's position teach about navigating divided loyalties?

## Interlinear Text

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H157	H4324	H1323	H7586		H1732	H5046
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Saul	pleased	and the thing	H5869			
H7586	H3474	H1697				

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 18:28** (Love): And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.