

1 Samuel 18:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Saul's recognition that 'the LORD was with David' combines with awareness that 'Michal Saul's daughter loved him' - God's favor and human affection both attached to his rival. Each plan to destroy David strengthened David's position. Saul's spiritual sight was clear enough to see God's hand but not transformed enough to submit to it. Such awareness without submission characterizes hardened hearts.

Historical Context

Repeated failure of schemes against David would have been noticed by court observers. Saul's diminishing options reflected his spiritual bankruptcy. His own family's alignment with David isolated him increasingly.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does seeing God's favor on others challenge your response - celebration or resentment?
2. What does Saul's clear-eyed rejection of divine providence teach about the mystery of hardened hearts?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּרָא	וְשָׂא וּלְ	וַיֵּדַע	כִּי	יְהוָה	עִם	דָּוִד
saw	And Saul	and knew	H3588	that the LORD	H5973	was with David
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and that Michal	daughter	And Saul	loved			
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