

# 1 Samuel 19:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Saul's second javelin attack, from which David 'slipped away' (parar, escaped), confirms his oath's worthlessness. The javelin striking the wall instead of David demonstrates divine protection. David's flight 'that night' began his fugitive years. The multiplication of escape narratives emphasizes God's sovereign preservation of His anointed through repeated dangers.

## Historical Context

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Night flight provided cover for escape. David's departure marked transition from court servant to hunted fugitive. The years ahead would see David moving from place to place, always barely ahead of Saul's pursuit.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. When has narrow escape demonstrated God's protective providence in your life?
2. What does David's transition from honored servant to hunted fugitive teach about faithfully following God's path?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּקָרְבָּן יְהֹוָה אֶל מִפְּנֵי יְהֹוָה שֶׁאָל מִפְּנֵי שֶׁ  
sought And Saul and he smote the javelin David even to the wall  
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מִפְּנֵי יְהֹוָה אֶת מִפְּנֵי תִּפְּנַטְרָה  
but he slipped away presence And Saul and he smote the javelin  
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בְּקָרְבָּן יְהֹוָה אֶל מִפְּנֵי תִּפְּנַטְרָה  
even to the wall David fled and escaped that night  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 18:11** (References David): And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

**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.

**Proverbs 21:30** (Parallel theme): There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.