

1 Samuel 19:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Saul's command 'Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him' reveals murderous obsession overriding all propriety. The phrase 'in the bed' indicates willingness to kill a sick man - violation of ancient codes that protected the vulnerable. Saul would murder his son-in-law in his marriage bed, defiling his own daughter's home. The progression shows how sin erodes all restraints: jealousy became hatred, hatred became murder attempts, murder attempts became willingness to violate every social boundary. Nothing was sacred when opposing God's purposes consumed Saul.

Historical Context

Killing a sick person in bed violated hospitality codes and showed extreme cruelty. The bed represented safety and privacy; forcing entry there was severe violation. Saul's order required messengers to participate in what they would recognize as dishonorable action.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does sin progressively erode moral boundaries that once seemed inviolable?
2. What restraints has jealousy or hatred tempted you to abandon?

Interlinear Text

לְאָמֵר	רְאֵד	לְרֹא	וְתִּרְאֶה	בְּמַלְאָכִים	שָׁאֹל	אֶת	יְמִים	פְּנֵי	שָׁאֹל	וְשָׁלַח
sent	And Saul	H853	the messengers	again to see						
H7971	H7586		H4397	H7200						

לְבָמְתּוֹן	אֶל	בְּמַטַּה	אֶת	וְ	בָּעֵל	וְ	בָּעֵל
Bring him up	H853	to me in the bed	H413		that I may slay		
H5927		H4296			H4191		

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