

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

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

וְשָׁלַח	וְשָׁאֹל	אֶת	הַמַּלְאָכִים	לִרְאֹת	אֶת	דָּוִד	לֵאמֹר
sent	And Saul	H853	the messengers	again to see	H853	David	saying
H7971	H7586		H4397	H7200		H1732	H559
הָעֵל וְ	אֶת	בְּמִטָּה	אֵלַי	לְהַמְתּוֹ:			
Bring him up	H853	to me in the bed	H413	that I may slay			
H5927		H4296		H4191			