

1 Samuel 19:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Saul's own experience of the Spirit's power - prophesying continuously from Sechu to Naioth - reveals God's sovereign ability to neutralize any threat. The phrase 'the Spirit of God was upon him also' places Saul alongside his messengers in involuntary prophetic seizure. Even the king could not escape divine control. This public prophesying humiliated Saul while protecting David.

Historical Context

Ecstatic prophetic experience could involve prolonged states of heightened spiritual activity. Saul's journey from Sechu to Naioth under Spirit-influence would have been publicly observable. The experience recalled his earlier prophetic encounter after anointing (10:10-12).

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