

# 1 Samuel 19:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Saul's stripping off clothes and prophesying before Samuel, lying 'naked all that day and all that night,' represents complete exposure and humiliation. The repeated proverb 'Is Saul also among the prophets?' now carried ironic weight - the prophet-rejecting king lay helpless before the prophet. This vulnerable state gave David safe passage to escape while teaching that no power can ultimately resist God's purposes.

## Historical Context

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'Naked' likely means stripped of royal robes, reduced to undergarments - symbolic dethronement. The duration ('all that day and all that night') exceeded normal prophetic experience. The popular proverb gained new meaning - from surprised praise (10:12) to ironic commentary.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does God sometimes strip away pretense and power from those who oppose His purposes?
2. What does Saul's humiliating experience teach about the ultimate futility of resisting divine will?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּפְּשֵׁ ט	הָגַם	הָ וְאֵ	בְּגָדָ יוֹ	וַיִּתְּנֶה אֵ	הָגַם	הָ וְאֵ
And he stripped off	also	H1931	his clothes	and prophesied	also	H1931
H6584	H1571		H899	H5012	H1571	
לְפָנַי י	שְׁמוּאֵל ל	וַיִּפֹּ ל	כָּל עָרֹם	הָיָה וְ		
before	Samuel	in like manner and lay down	naked	H3605	all that day	
H6440	H8050	H5307	H6174		H3117	
וְאֵ הָ וְאֵ	וְכָל	הַ לַיְלָה	עַל	כֵּן	וַיֹּאמְרוּ	הָגַם
H1931	H3605	and all that night	H5921	H3651	Wherefore they say	also
		H3915			H559	H1571
וְאֵ הָ וְאֵ	וְכָל	הַ לַיְלָה	עַל	כֵּן	וַיֹּאמְרוּ	הָגַם
Is Saul	also among the prophets					
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 20:2** (Parallel theme): At the same time spake the LORD by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

**2 Samuel 6:20** (Parallel theme): Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!

**Micah 1:8** (Parallel theme): Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.

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