

# 1 Samuel 19:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.**

The cycle continues: renewed Philistine conflict provided occasion for David's military success, which triggered Saul's jealousy. The Hebrew *makkah gedolah* ('great slaughter') emphasizes decisive victory. 'They fled from him' indicates total rout. David continued faithful service despite past persecution, demonstrating character that served Israel's good regardless of personal danger. Ironically, the very victories that protected Israel from enemies made David a target of Israel's king. Faithful service in hostile environments often means blessing those who would harm us.

## Historical Context

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Philistine conflicts were recurrent throughout Saul's reign, providing ongoing military challenges. David's consistent success in these engagements built his reputation while depleting Philistine strength. The great slaughter indicated significant strategic victory.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How do you continue faithful service to those who may wish you harm?
2. What does David's ongoing military excellence despite court danger teach about compartmentalizing personal conflict from duty?

## Interlinear Text

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וְלָחֶם	וְדָוִד	וַיֵּצֵא	לְהִי יוֹת	הַמִּלְחָמָה	וְיָת וְסָרָף
and fought	and David	went out	H1961	And there was war	again
H3898	H1732	H3318		H4421	H3254
וַיִּסּוּ	גְדוֹלָה	מִכָּה	בָּהֶם	וַיַּךְ	בְּפִלְשְׁתֵּי יָם
and they fled	them with a great	slaughter	H0	and slew	with the Philistines
H5127	H1419	H4347		H5221	H6430
מִפְּנֵיו:					
					from
					H6440