

# 1 Samuel 19:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.**

The evil spirit's return during David's music ministry parallels 16:23, showing Saul's unchanged condition. The detail that Saul 'sat in his house with his javelin in his hand' combines domesticity with menace. Even as David faithfully served, Saul clutched his weapon of murder. The contrast between David's ministry posture and Saul's violent readiness illustrates service amidst danger.

## Historical Context

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Royal javelins served both as weapons and symbols of authority. Saul's constant possession of the javelin suggests both paranoid readiness and status assertion. David's continued service despite previous attacks shows remarkable commitment.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do you continue ministry when those you serve harbor ill intentions?
2. What does Saul's unchanged condition despite David's healing ministry teach about hardened hearts?

## Interlinear Text

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	spirit	from the LORD	And the evil		was upon Saul	
בְּבֵיתוֹ H1004	יָשָׁב H3427	וּבְיָדוֹ H2595	בְּיָדוֹ H3027	וְדָוִד H1732	מִנְּגִינָה H5059	בְּיָדוֹ H3027
in his house	as he sat	with his javelin	in his hand	and David	played	in his hand

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 16:14** (Spirit): But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

**1 Samuel 16:16** (Spirit): Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.