

# 1 Samuel 22:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

## Analysis

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Saul's paranoid accusation against his own servants and son reveals a soul consumed by suspicion. The Hebrew 'qashar' (conspired) was a serious charge implying treason. His claim that Jonathan 'stirred up' (Hebrew 'qum') David to ambush him inverts reality—David consistently spared Saul's life. The phrase 'none of you that is sorry for me' (Hebrew 'choleh') literally means 'none sick/grieved on my account,' revealing Saul's self-pity. Three times he uses 'none' (ein), emphasizing his perceived isolation. This distorted worldview, seeing conspiracy everywhere, typifies the paranoid ruler who has abandoned God's perspective. Saul had become his own worst enemy.

## Historical Context

Royal conspiracy was a genuine concern in ancient Near Eastern monarchies, where succession disputes frequently led to assassination. However, Saul's

accusations against his own son and servants suggest pathological suspicion rather than reasonable caution.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does abandoning trust in God lead to seeing enemies everywhere?
2. What warning does Saul's self-pity and paranoia offer to those in positions of authority?

## Interlinear Text

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כִּי קָשְׁרָתִ מִן  
H3588 That all of you have conspired  
H7194

וְאֵין עַל יְכָלָךְ מִן  
H3605 H5921 H369

וְגַם הָאָתָּה אֶגְנָתְךָ  
against me and there is none that sheweth  
H1540

בְּכָרְתָּה אֶגְנָתְךָ  
hath made a league  
H3772

מִן בְּנֵי עַמּוֹ מִן בְּנֵי יְשֻׁעָׁא  
me that my son H5973 me that my son H1121 of Jesse H3448 H369

וְגַם הָאָתָּה עַל מִמְּךָ מִן  
and there is none of you that is sorry  
H2470

עַל מִמְּךָ מִן

H4480 H5921

וְגַם הָאָתָּה אֶת כִּי אֶגְנָתְךָ  
against me and there is none that sheweth  
H1540

בְּכָרְתָּה כִּי אֶת  
hath stirred up  
H6965

מִן בְּנֵי עַל עֲבָדָךְ אֶת בְּנֵי  
me that my son H853 my servant H5650 against me to lie in wait H693 as at this day  
H1121

בָּזָה:

H2088

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 18:3** (Creation): Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

**1 Samuel 23:21** (Parallel theme): And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me.

