

# 1 Samuel 22:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## 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

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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	קִשְׁרֹתָם	כָּלְךָם	עַל־י	אֵין	
H3588	<b>That all of you have conspired</b>	H3605	H5921	H369	
	H7194				
	וְגַלְהָ	אֶת	אֲזַנִּי	בְּכַתֵּל	
	<b>against me and there is none that sheweth</b>	H853	H241	<b>hath made a league</b>	
	H1540			H3772	
	בְּנִי	עִם	בְּנִי	יֵשׁ	אֵין
	<b>me that my son</b>	H5973	<b>me that my son</b>	<b>of Jesse</b>	H369
	H1121		H1121	H3448	
	חֵלְהָ	עַל־י	מִכָּם		
	<b>and there is none of you that is sorry</b>	H4480	H5921		
	H2470				
	וְגַלְהָ	אֶת	אֲזַנִּי	כִּי	הִקִּים
	<b>against me and there is none that sheweth</b>	H853	H241	H3588	<b>hath stirred up</b>
	H1540				H6965
	בְּנִי	אֶת	עַבְדִּי	עַל־י	לֵאמֹר
	<b>me that my son</b>	H853	<b>my servant</b>	H5921	<b>against me to lie in wait</b>
	H1121		H5650		H693
					<b>as at this day</b>
					H3117
	הִזָּה:				
	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.

