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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

MENTAL ATTITUDE SINS VS. WISDOM

1 Samuel 18:17–30

God Anoints David, 1 Sam. 16:1–13

God Promotes David, 1 Sam. 16:14–23

God Gives Victory to David, 1 Sam. 17:1–54

God Protects David from Saul, 1 Sam. 17:55–20:42

God Protects David in Exile, 1 Sam. 21–31

**God Protects David from Saul, 1 Sam.
17:55–20:42**

Whose Son are You? 1 Sam. 17:55–18:4

Saul's family begins to shift their loyalty to David. 1 Sam. 18:1–4

1 Sam. 18:1, “Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.”

David's popularity increases with the people, which angers Saul. 1 Sam. 18:5–9

1 Sam. 18:5, “So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.”

God protects David. 1 Sam. 18:10–11

1 Sam. 18:10, “And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played music with his hand, as at other times; but there was a spear in Saul’s hand.

1 Sam. 18:11, “And Saul cast the spear, for he said, ‘I will pin David to the wall!’ But David escaped his presence twice.”

God is with David. 1 Sam. 18:12–16

1 Sam. 18:12, “Now Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, but had departed from Saul.

1 Sam. 18:13, “Therefore Saul removed him from his presence, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.”

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1 Sam. 18:14, “And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD was with him.”

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The Cycle of Sin

- 1. Control of the Sin Nature leads to sin/human good.
Result: spiritual dullness.**
- 2. Faith toward God shuts down: forget doctrine, focus on wrong issues, priorities.
Result: Inhale human viewpoint (HVP)/worldliness.**
- 3. Increased arrogance: arrogance skills increase.
Result: Foolish thinking (HVP) dominates, loss of reality due to truth suppression (Rom. 1:18–21), mental attitude sins increase.**
- 4. Idolatry: submission to false authorities:
Emotion, peer pressure, material possessions, pleasure, escapism, false ideologies/religions.
Result: Anger, frustration, depression, fear leading to self-induced misery and further attempts to mask the misery. This is all part of demon influence.**

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1 Sam. 18:15, “Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him.”

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to fear; common
word for fear**

**גָּוַר (*gûr*) III, be afraid,
fear, to dread to
tremble.
Progression from
fear to dread.**

**Fear, Love, Anger, and Hatred:
Understanding the Dynamics of Our Most
Destructive Sins**

1. Fear is the core orientation of the sin nature. When Adam sinned, he and Eve were afraid.

Gen. 3:10, “So he said, ‘I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ ”

2. The antidote to FEAR in Scripture is Trust.

Psa. 56:3, “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

Psa. 56:4, “In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?”

Psa. 56:11, “In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”

בַּטָּחָה (*bāṭah*) I, trust in, feel safe, be confident, careless

Psa. 112:7, “He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

Psa. 112:8, “His heart is established; He will not be afraid, until he sees his desire upon his enemies.”

Psa. 18:1, “I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psa. 18:3, “I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Psa. 18:4, “The pangs of death surrounded me, and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid” [*ba’at* = to be terrified].

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3. The opposite of FEAR in Scripture is Love.

1 John 4:18, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.”

4. Anger comes when we don't get our way. When something is perceived to block us from achieving what we think will make us happy, will block us from getting what we think will make life work for us.

5. Depression comes when we realize we may never get our way, we may never get what we think we need to be really happy.

6. Hatred comes when we direct our anger toward the person we believe is preventing us from achieving what we think is necessary for life.

Fear leads to anger; anger leads to ...

Anger toward God reflected in anger and hatred toward God's representatives.

Ex. cf., Gen. 37

7. All of these are the outworking of the self-absorbed orientation of our sin nature.

8. But when our happiness is based on the Lord and not circumstances, events, or people then we can have joy even when everything is taken from us.

John 15:11, “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”

James 1:2, “Count it all joy my brethren when you encounter various trials, because you know that the evaluation of your doctrinal application produces endurance and endurance will yield its maturing effect.”

1 Sam. 18:16, “But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.”

1 Sam. 18:17, “Then Saul said to David, ‘Here is my older daughter Merab; I will give her to you as a wife. Only be valiant for me, and fight the LORD’S battles.’ For Saul thought, ‘Let my hand not be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him.’ ”

1 Sam. 18:19, “But it happened at the time when Merab, Saul’s daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given to Adriel the Meholathite as a wife.”

“The finer the words the greater the deceit. Further, he would rather see the Philistines triumph than David survive.”

~Lange’s Commentary on the Bible

2 Sam. 21:8, “So the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, Armoni and Mephibosheth whom she had borne to Saul, and the five sons of Merab the daughter of Saul, whom she had borne to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite.

2 Sam. 21:9, “Then he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the mountain before the LORD, so that the seven of them fell together; and they were put to death in the first days of harvest at the beginning of barley harvest.”

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1 Sam. 18:20, “Now Michal, Saul’s daughter, loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

1 Sam. 18:21, “So Saul said, ‘I will give her to him, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him.’ Therefore Saul said to David a second time, ‘You shall be my son-in-law today.’ ”

מוֹקֵשׁ *moqesh* “snare, trap, usually related to idolatry”

Ex. 23:33, “They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.”

Ex. 34:12, “Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst.”

Josh. 23:13, “know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations from before you. But they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which the LORD your God has given you.”

Judg. 8:27, “Then Gideon made it into an ephod and set it up in his city, Ophrah. And all Israel played the harlot with it there. It became a snare to Gideon and to his house.”

Psa. 106:36, “They served their idols, which became a snare to them.”

1 Sam. 18:22, “And Saul commanded his servants, ‘Communicate with David secretly, and say, “Look, the king has delight in you, and all his servants love you. Now therefore, become the king’s son-in-law.” ’ ”

Saul's Self-Absorption Contrasted with David's Humility

1 Sam. 18:18, “So David said to Saul, ‘Who am I, and what is my life or my father’s family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?’ ”

1 Sam. 18:23, “So Saul’s servants spoke those words in the hearing of David. And David said, ‘Does it seem to you a light thing to be a king’s son-in-law, seeing I am a poor and lightly esteemed man?’ ”

Saul's Third Attempt to Kill David

1 Sam. 18:25, “Then Saul said, ‘Thus you shall say to David: “The king does not desire any dowry but one hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to take vengeance on the king’s enemies.” ’ But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.”

1 Sam. 18:26, “So when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to become the king’s son-in-law. Now the days had not expired;

1 Sam. 18:27, “therefore David arose and went, he and his men, and killed two hundred men of the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full count to the king, that he might become the king’s son-in-law. Then Saul gave him Michal his daughter as a wife.”

1 Sam. 18:28, “Thus Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal, Saul’s daughter, loved him;

1 Sam. 18:29, “and Saul was still more afraid of David. So Saul became David’s enemy continually.”

1 Sam. 18:30, “Then the princes of the Philistines went out to war. And so it was, whenever they went out, that David behaved more wisely than all the servants of Saul, so that his name became highly esteemed.”

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