

“The 'Green Eyed Monster'”

James 3:13-18

Introduction

- I. It is sad to watch what envy and jealousy can do to a person (Prov. 14:30; Gal. 5:19-21).
- II. Pride and lack of contentment are often to blame (Prov. 16:18; Heb. 13:5).
- III. Using the Old Testament, we can see how envy and jealousy helped to destroy a man (Saul; 1 Sam. 18:1-30).

Discussion

- I. The beginning of envy (1 Sam. 18:1-9).
 - A. Saul began to notice that David was getting better accolades than he.
 - B. In the New Testament, we are given a warning about comparing ourselves to other people (2 Cor. 10:12).
 - C. Saul was very insecure, and as such, he allowed himself to think badly of David.
 - D. Keep in mind that David was simply being a faithful servant.
- II. The effects of envy (1 Sam. 18:10-29).
 - A. Envy will cause us not to think and act rationally.
 - B. Saul began to want David dead (1 Sam. 18:11-12, 25; 19:9-17).
 1. Saul tried to kill David personally.
 2. Saul tried to have David killed in battle.
 - C. Fear became a part of Saul's life (1 Sam. 18:12, 15, 29).
 1. David was loyal.
 2. Sometimes envy will cause us to imagine false things.
 3. Saul's envy and fear even led him to trying to kill Jonathan, his own son (1 Sam. 20:30-34).
 4. Saul had priests killed (1 Sam. 22:13-18).
 - D. Envy and jealousy cost Saul in so many ways (cf. 1 Sam. 28:16).

Conclusion

- I. Envy and jealousy should never be allowed in our lives.
- II. Let us make sure that we learn from the lesson of Saul so that we do not fall as he did.