

“Saul-A Jealous King”

1 Sam. 18:1-9

Introduction

- I. Jealousy and envy are things which the child of God must shun, for they, like all sins, bring forth death (James. 1:12-15; 3:16; Prov. 14:30; 1 Pet. 2:1; Gal. 5:19-21).
- II. Saul is a Biblical example of what jealousy can do to a man.

Discussion

- I. How jealousy and envy start (1 Sam. 18:1-9).
 - A. We are warned against comparing ourselves with others (2 Cor. 10:12).
 - B. Do not concern yourself with the praise that others receive (Gal. 6:4).
 - C. Insecurity can cause one to think evil of others.
- II. When jealousy and envy grow (1 Sam. 18:10-27).
 - A. Irrational fear is the product of jealousy (2 Tim. 1:7; Isa. 41:10).
 - B. Sinful actions often follow (1 Sam. 18:10-11, 25; 19:9-10).
- III. When jealousy and envy are through (1 Sam. 18:28-29).
 - A. The mind of Saul deteriorated (1 Sam. 19:8-10).
 - B. It led him to turn against his own family (1 Sam. 19:11-17; 20:30-34).
 - C. Saul even had priests killed (1 Sam. 22:13-18).
 - D. Saul's jealousy caused him to lose fellowship with God, and he became God's enemy (1 Sam. 28:16).

Conclusion

- I. Saul's mistakes are there for our learning (Rom. 15:4).
- II. We must not allow ourselves to succumb to jealousy and envy!