



Part 19 - “The Real Danger of Sin” | 1 Samuel 19 | 4.12.26

→ Sin’s Grip Revealed — 1 Samuel 19:1–8

- (Gen 4:7) Sin is pictured as a beast crouching at the door, desiring to rule the heart
- Saul’s jealousy has been building across chapters 16–19 until sin now rules him
- (19:1) Saul openly commands the death of David
- (19:4-5) Jonathan reminds Saul that David has benefited the kingdom
- (19:6) Saul makes a formal oath in the LORD’s name not to kill David

→ The Spirit Exposes the Heart — 1 Samuel 19:9–10; 16:7

- (19:9–10) Saul fails the “test” when David succeeds again
- The spirit exposes what’s already present in Saul’s heart
- Fear, jealousy, and anger are amplified as Saul **resists** God’s will
- (16:7) God looks at the heart
- Saul’s heart resembles Cain’s (jealousy / murder)

→ Signs of Spiritual Drift — 1 Samuel 19:11–17

- (19:11–13) Michal helps David escape through the window
- The presence of a household idol suggests misplaced trust
- The idol is used by God to accomplish His purpose

→ Running to the Word of the LORD — 1 Samuel 19:18; Psalm 59

- (19:18) David runs to Samuel at Ramah — a spiritual refuge
- Naioth was likely a community where prophets lived and were trained
- David seeks the presence of the LORD rather than human protection
- (Psalm 59) David’s prayer, asking God for help

→ **The Choice: Resist or Trust the LORD — 1 Samuel 19:23–24**

- (19:23–24) The Spirit of God prevents Saul from harming David
- Saul falls to the ground → the posture he should've had all along
- David aligns with the LORD → Saul resists Him
- God continually pursues people, giving opportunity to repent
- The more we resist the LORD, the more difficult it becomes to let go of sin

→ **Main Takeaway:** The real danger of sin is not just wrong behavior, but a hardened heart that increasingly resists the LORD.

→ **Going Deeper:**

1. **Read Genesis 4:3–8 and 1 Samuel 19:1-6.** What similarities do you see? Why is recognizing this pattern important for our own faith?
2. **Read Hebrews 4:12-13 and John 16:7-11.** What do these passages teach about the ways in which God reveals the things that rule our hearts?
3. **Read Psalm 59 and Proverbs 18:10.** What does David's decision to run to Samuel teach us about where true refuge is found?

→ **Next Step:** Where might the LORD be inviting you to trust Him rather than resist Him? This week, use David's prayer in Psalm 59 to help guide your own.