

1Samuel 19

"God Sovereign over Our Destinies and Enemies"

Are you sure of God's ultimate purpose for every moment of your life? What is God doing, when someone powerful and evil is trying to harm you? Pastor leads his family in today's "Hopewell @Home" devotional. In these twenty-four verses, we learn that God is ruling and overruling all things for Christ's glory and believers' good—even and especially the actions of our most powerful and wicked enemies.

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First time in 19, these are God's words. Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and all his servants that they should kill David. But Jonathan Saul's son delighted greatly in David. So Jonathan told David saying my father Saul seeks to kill you. Therefore, please be on your garden till morning and stay in a secret place and hide.

And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are. And I will speak with my father about you and what I observe. I will tell you. Thus Jonathan spoke well of David to solve his father. And said to him not not the king seeing against his servant against David because he has not sinned against you because his works have been very good toward you.

For he took his life in his hands and killed the Flintston. And he always brought about a great deliverance for all Israel. You saw it and rejoice. Why then will you see him against innocent blood? To kill David without a cause. So soul, he did the voice of Jonathan and Saul swore.

As Yahweh lives he shall not be killed. And Jonathan called David and Jonathan told him all these things. So Jonathan brought David to Saul and he was in his presence as in times past. And there was a war again and David went out and fought with the flicants and struck them with a mighty blow and they fled from him.

Now the distressing spirit from Yahweh came upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing music with his hand. Then Saul sought to pin. David to the wall with the spear. But he slipped away from Saul's presence. And he drove the spear into the wall.

So David fled and escaped that night. Saul also sent messengers to David's house to watch him and to kill him in the morning. And Mikhail David's wife told him saying if you do not save your life tonight tomorrow, you will be killed. Some of Cal let David down through a window and he went and fled and escaped.

And Michelle took an image and laid it in the bed. Put a cover of goats hair for his head and covered it with clothes. So when Seoul sent messengers to take David she said he is sick. And Saul sent the messengers back to see David. Saying bring him up to me on the bed that I may kill him.

And when the messengers had come in, there was the image in the bed. With the cover of Goats here for his head. And Saul said to Mikhail why have you deceived me like this and sent my enemy away so that he is escaped. And Mikhail answered. Saul. He said to me, let me go.

Why should I kill you? So David fled and escaped. And he went to Samuel at Rama and he told him all that. Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Nayoth. Now, it was told Saul saying take note. David is at night and Rama.

Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying and Samuel standing as leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of soul and they also prophesied and someone saw us told he sent other messengers. And they prophesied likewise then salsa sent messengers again the third time and they prophesied also.

Then he also went to Rama and came to the great well, that is except who. And so he asked and said where are Samuel and David? Someone said indeed they aren't and Rama. So he went there to die off in Rama. Then the Spirit of God was upon him also.

And he went on and prophesied until he came to Nyack and Roma. And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel and like manner and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore, they say it's all also among the prophets. So far the reading of God's inspired and inherent word.

In which we learn. That there were many people. Who were helpers of David. It must have been very frustrating to solve as he made everything in life a matter of being forceful or against salt and also he decided that being four. David meant being against salt on that for being forced all meant being against David.

And so, His son. Jonathan was for David and Jonathan reasoned well with his father, he pointed out how David had always conducted himself and a godly and kind and loving loyal submissive. Manner towards Saul and Saul sounds like he buys that argument and perhaps there's something to verse 8, again you remember how angry saw was before when David had much success against the flus and the women of Israel had made up their song and how irritated saw was that he was only credited with thousands.

So perhaps perhaps in verse eight. David having success again dredges back up those ideas and feelings in the heart of Saul and that's related to verse nine and the distressing spirit from you all way returning. David escapes. Miguel remember mikell isn't just David's wife she is also souls younger daughter and she has something in common with Rachel son of Laban and that is this terra theme this household idol that she has which she probably got from her daddy saw the way Rachel got her tariff from her daddy.

And so she's got that laying around and she still loves David enough to try and get him to escape with his life, perhaps it's not of love for David Michael is very concerned with being royal probably more concerned than she is with being loyal remember when David dances in his undergarments before the ark and the bible.

Does not actually tell us that David was right to do so but what she is most upset with is that he was humbled before the women of Israel and he might not have might not should have done that in front of them, we're not sure from the text but she was very interested in being royal and she probably knew that daddy's day is remembered but she had hitched herself to a hubby whom she loved the scripture told us that before.

And Samuel also helps David in fact David comes to Samuel and he tells him all that Saul has done so we can be pretty sure you know last time we really had an extended view of Samuel he was still kind of grieving over Saul and he's making his all today with transition, but once Samuel hears what's going on he actually takes David under his protection.

And Samuel notice he stands as leader over the prophets who are prophesying and when the messengers come they become, you know, they kind of join the band and now they got a bigger band of profits and then messenger group number two comes and now we have a bigger band of profits and messenger group number three comes now a really big band of profits.

And then saw comes and saw doesn't just prophesy the spirit makes him takes control of him altogether and you know, we can assume that michals idea of the proper dignified attire of kings and not to humble yourself or ever up here in a humbled condition before, you know, the common people that that had come from her daddy saw and,Here he strips naked and lays on the ground all day and all night which not only humiliates soul, but also gives David the opportunity to escape you can make good ground.

24 hours.Excuse me.And David does so Jonathan and Mikhail and Samuel helped David but really ultimately it is the Holy Spirit of God who helps David and we knew that he would.Because God had anointed. David to be king.God had said that David would be king and when God says something is going to happen he brings it about and so we can also be sure that things that God has said like everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved that none of us who put our trust in him will be put to shame.

That he is with us always even to the end of the age that nothing can separate us from the love of God it is in Jesus that he who has begun a good work in us will bring it to completion.And so forth so many good things that you said and we can know that whatever else happens between now and then God will make those things come true and so.

Where we are in first Samuel David is not yet king.But he has been anointed King he's been declared that he would be and we know that whatever else happens between the anointing and the coronation that all of it would work towards. David becoming king so God's word is in control of the whole situation bringing about his good promises, but God spirit is also immediately in control.

Of every individual we know what was animating or what was motivating Jonathan because Jonathan Saul's son verse one delighted greatly in David we wonder what Michael is thinking and we can probably conclude what Samuel was thinking but ultimately the Lord is in control of everyone even your enemies.Your enemy may come with intent and ability to kill you but the heart of the king is in the hand of God like water to direct it whichever way he well, this is one of the reasons why there's no such thing as a righteous life.

Because the the reasoning of the righteous life says if I don't do this thing that scripture says is so completely opposite the character of God that he cannot do it if I don't do this wicked thing then a bad thing is going to happen well what happens is not up to us and as we see at the end of this passage what happens is not up to our enemies either.

Saul did not say oh I heard David is a knot that Rama I'm gonna go strip myself naked and lay on the floor there for 24 hours while David escapes.

The plans.Of the enemies of God are not what determines are going to happen.If they are able to carry out what they hit intended it is only because God has already intended it for good.We could trust his wisdom we could trust his power.The Word of God is not just in control of how things end.

God himself. God the spirit rules over everything that happens acts through everything that happens he does good even through when the wicked new wickedly and he is able even to overrule them and stop them.Christian biographies church, history is full of stuff like that guys

who couldn't make their finger pull the trigger guys who couldn't lift their arms to do something to one of God's saints you guys who pulled the trigger and the gun that never jams jammed four times in a row things like that and then church history is also full of believers who are martyred for their faith.

And whom God used as a testimony and encouragement to many succeeding generations. Or the one who murdered them was converted by what he observed even as he was in the process of murdering the believer and so forth we could trust God we trust God, especially because David here is a type which means someone that God sends ahead of time to give us an intentional picture of is a type of the Lord Jesus there's a picture of the Lord Jesus to us and everything in.

It for the glory and the kingship and the kingdom of Jesus there is nothing that Saul or any devil Satan himself. There's nothing that they can do to stop the kingship of Jesus and the spreading of his kingdom says what Jesus said and he said I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it we may be very confident and let us therefore be careful that we always serve Christ and serve him not out of questionable motivations like Mikhail where we have some self-interest involved and you know, we are more interested in being royal than we are and being lower.

But let us serve him out of delight in him the way Jonathan delighted in David and even if daddy. Is determined to oppose we will be for Christ and serve Christ. God grant that it would be so as pray. Hmm. Our father in heaven we thank you for this portion of your word, we thank you.

For the reminder that your promises your words determine where history is going and how every moment of history serves those ends we thank you for the reminder that you rule and overrule and all things so that we may have confidence and enjoy even in the midst of being hunted and opposed help us lord out of that confidence in you to love you and serve you in obey you no matter what.

For we ask it in Jesus name and your children you're saying amen.