

- *Yikes that you do the most for those their hands*

but the most - Manipulation

- *Gay in Ministry run another's down because we have justified the practice of comparison - but it is covetousness*

DELIVERED OR DEFEATED?

Text: 2 Samuel 22:1 This would be chapter one

Everyone has enemies.	The Satan - James 4:7	A. submit to God
		B. resist the devil
	Sin - 2 Tim 2:22	A. flee/follow
		B. * more work here

	Self - Lk 9:23	A. A daily trip to cross does it.
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Some, if not all Christians have a Saul (most likely more than one).

be a stigma
- pulpit committee
- As I said what I thought he was.

1. Definition who a Saul is:

A. He professes to be a believer. Someone else will have to decide is Saul what saved. I don't know. He said he was. God anointed him to be king, He also used Cyrus. When someone professes to be a believer I must respond to them differently than I do an unbeliever (Gal 6:1-6).

1 Cor 13:12
now &
then

B. He holds an anointed position in the Kingdom. Development of this point could be extensive. Someone in a position of authority seems to work best. I don't know how to detail this yet. I'm most comfortable with leaving it as it was with David.

C. This person begins to act like an enemy. He's trying to take from you what God has given. Life, and all that this might mean with more and deeper study.

2. Details that give us some understanding as to why he does the things he does:

Self-ambition

A. I Sam 18:7-9 Insecurity in his position. The position was more important to Saul than the welfare of the nation and the glory of God. He felt he must keep, at whatever cost, what God had given. His emotions control him instead of him controlling his emotions.

Jealousy

B. Ignorance as to the ways of God. (No specific passages yet). His conduct indicates an ignorance in the ways of God {Ref. your sermon from Ex about the difference between the ways of God and the works of God}. This failure led to the next source of confusion and misconduct.

C. I Sam 24:9 "And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's works saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?" He manifest and inability to ignore the ignoble influence of evil men. There's always someone around who is will to be the instrument of the devil and the promoter of lies. (I expect the book of Proverbs will be a rich source of information and inspiration regarding this failure in Saul's life.

Chapter Two

From 1 Samuel 24 we learn that David refused to lift up his hand against Saul. Verse 10 reveals one reason why. ". . . for he is the LORD'S anointed". See also 12,13. * In 24:15 David is counting on the Lord delivering him out of Saul's hand. Havner has something to say about "the Lord having the situation well in hand".

David refused to take charge in the situation. His faith was fixed on God.

Chapter Three

The next thing I see is how David was delivered by human intercession or intervention.

1 Samuel 20 Jonathan warns David of Saul's evil intentions. Everyone needs a Jonathan. I have personal illustrations as to how the Lord delivered me from a law suite in Alabama by the intervention of a christian brother in my church.

Chapter Four

In 1 Samuel 23 Jonathan once again comes to David's aid. This time he comes as an encourager (vs 16-18). Barnabas would be good to speak of here.

Chapter Five

1 Samuel 19:18-24 and 1 Sam 23:19-28 reveal that David was also delivered by Divine intervention.

1 Sam 19:18-24 God simply frustrated the efforts of Saul to do David any harm. The Lord used holy things to do His will.

1 Samuel 23:19-28 In this passage the Lord used unholy people and things to accomplish his purpose.

Chapter Six

2 Samuel 22:20-29 {perhaps even more verses than these} David himself tells why or the Lord delivered him from Saul. In quick summary David says in verses 20-25 that the Lord honored his righteous conduct during this time of testing.