

Wisdom for the Trials of Life

1 Samuel 18-19

I. The Aftermath of a Giant-Killing

- A. David's promotion pleased the people of Israel (1 Samuel 18:1-5, 16).
- B. David's popularity displeased Saul (1 Samuel 18:6-9).

II. The Sin of Jealousy

- A. Jealousy is often found in the hearts of people who have the smallest reason to be jealous (1 Samuel 18:5, 18).
- B. Jealousy cannot be confined to the mind (1 Samuel 18:10-19:20).
- C. Jealousy carries with it a certain and terrible destiny (1 Samuel 18:12; Galatians 5:19-21).

III. Steps to Dealing with Jealousy

- A. Confess your jealousy.
- B. Ask God to place love in your heart for others.
- C. Thank God for the object of your jealousy.
- D. Find someone who needs your help.

IV. Lessons for Our Lives

- A. The person after God's own heart lives for a cause greater than himself.
- B. The person after God's own heart rests in God's wisdom and justice.