

WISDOM AMID WICKEDNESS

I Samuel 18

**Tonight let us consider some scenarios David encountered
and see how he responded wisely amid wickedness.**

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I. WHEN RETURNING FROM BATTLE (5-9)

A. DAVID'S WISE WAYS

1. Serving Saul (2,5)
2. Successful in all (5b)
3. Sung of (6-7)
4. Silent

B. SAUL'S WICKED WRATH (8-9)

1. Anger (8a)
2. Jealousy (8b)
3. Envy (9)

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II. WHEN PLAYING IN THE PALACE (10-11)

A. DAVID'S WISDOM

1. Playing the harp
2. Avoiding the spear
3. Leaving the house
4. Not lifting the spear to throw it back!

B. SAUL'S WICKEDNESS

1. Enraged
2. Vengeful

III. WHEN FACED WITH EXILE (12-16)

A. SAUL'S CONDITION

1. Fear (12)
2. Retaliation (13)
3. Dread (15)

B. DAVID'S CONDUCT

1. Accepting (13b)
2. Acceptance (14)
3. Accessible (16)

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IV. WHEN DEALING WITH INJUSTICE (17-19)

A. SAUL'S INSINCERITY (17, 19)

1. Offer David his Daughter (17)
2. Hope for the worst (17b)
3. Renege on the offer (19)

B. DAVID'S HUMILITY (18)

1. No Expectations
2. No Retaliation

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V. WHEN ENCOUNTERING TREACHERY (20-30)

A. SAUL'S PLOTS (20-25)

1. Offer David his daughter (20-24)
2. Offer David a deal (25)

B. DAVID'S PARTICIPATION (26-29)

1. Agreement (26a)
2. Aggression (26b-27)
3. Attention (28-30)

LESSONS:

1. CHARACTER COUNTS (5, 14, 30)
2. CLOSENESS COUNTS (12, 14, 28)
3. CREDENTIALS COUNT (5, 16, 30)

Will you wisely respond to mistreatment this week?