

Devotional #4

Saul Envis David

(I Samuel 16:14-23; 18:6-18:18)

King Saul was the first King of Israel. He suffered from depression because he did not obey God. His servants suggested he have a court musician to play for him when he was feeling depressed. One of them had heard David play the harp and recommended him. So David played music for King Saul to make him feel better.

Things changed after David killed Goliath. The women sang of David's triumph, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." This made Saul angry; he was envious and jealous of David. Saul tried to kill David several times. Finally David left the king and became an outlaw, much like Robin Hood. He was "on the run" till Saul died, and David himself became the next king.

Memory verses:

"Be not envious..." (Proverbs 24:1)

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)