

DESPICABLE ME

The Downfall Of A Wrong Identity

Saul Tried To Justify His Actions

- 1 Samuel 15:13 When Samuel finally found him, Saul greeted him cheerfully. "May the LORD bless you," he said. "I have carried out the LORD's command!"
- 14 "Then what is all the bleating of sheep and lowing of cattle I hear?" Samuel demanded.
- 15 "It's true that the army spared the best of the sheep and cattle," Saul admitted. "But they are going to sacrifice them to the LORD your God. We have destroyed everything else."
- 16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Stop! Listen to what the LORD told me last night!" "What was it?" Saul asked.
- 17 And Samuel told him, "Although you may think little of yourself, are you not the leader of the tribes of Israel? The LORD has anointed you king of Israel.
- 18 And the LORD sent you on a mission and told you, 'Go and completely destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, until they are all dead.'
- 19 Why haven't you obeyed the LORD? Why did you rush for the plunder and do exactly what the LORD said not to do?"
- 20 "But I did obey the LORD," Saul insisted. "I carried out the mission he gave me. I brought back King Agag, but I destroyed everyone else.
- 21 Then my troops brought in the best of the sheep and cattle and plunder to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."
- 24 Then Saul finally admitted, "Yes, I have sinned. I have disobeyed your instructions and the LORD's command, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded.
- 30 Then Saul pleaded again, "I know I have sinned. But please, at least honor me before the leaders and before my people by going with me to worship the LORD your God."

There Is Never A Good Excuse For Disobedience

Saul Turned Into A Moody, _____ Person

- 1 Samuel 16:16 "Let us find a good musician to play the harp for you whenever the tormenting spirit is bothering you. The harp music will quiet you, and you will soon be well again."

I Must _____ God's Spirit

Saul Was Trapped By _____ Emotions

1 Samuel 18:6 But something happened when the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed Goliath. Women came out from all the towns along the way to celebrate and to cheer for King Saul, and they sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals.

7 This was their song: "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!"

8 This made Saul very angry. "What's this?" he said. "They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they'll be making him their king!"

9 So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

I Should _____ In The Success Of Others

Saul Became _____ In His Actions

1 Samuel 18:13 Finally, Saul banned him from his presence and appointed him commander over only a thousand men, but David faithfully led his troops into battle.

14 David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the LORD was with him.

15 When Saul recognized this, he became even more afraid of him.

17 One day Saul said to David, "I am ready to give you my older daughter, Merab, as your wife. But first you must prove yourself to be a real warrior by fighting the LORD's battles." For Saul thought to himself, "I'll send him out against the Philistines and let them kill him rather than doing it myself."

20 In the meantime, Saul's daughter Michal had fallen in love with David, and Saul was delighted when he heard about it.

21 "Here's another chance to see him killed by the Philistines!" Saul said to himself. But to David he said, "I have a way for you to become my son-in-law after all!"

28 When the king realized how much the LORD was with David and how much Michal loved him,

29 he became even more afraid of him, and he remained David's enemy for the rest of his life.

1 Samuel 19:1 Saul now urged his servants and his son Jonathan to assassinate David....

I Must Not Be _____ In My Actions

Saul Acted Like A _____

1 Samuel 20:30 Saul boiled with rage at Jonathan. "You stupid son of a whore!" he swore at him. "Do you think I don't know that you want David to be king in your place, shaming yourself and your mother?"

31 As long as that son of Jesse is alive, you'll never be king. Now go and get him so I can kill him!"

32 "But what has he done?" Jonathan demanded. "Why should he be put to death?"

33 Then Saul hurled his spear at Jonathan, intending to kill him. So at last Jonathan realized that his father was really determined to kill David.

34 Jonathan left the table in fierce anger and refused to eat all that day, for he was crushed by his father's shameful behavior toward David.

God _____ I Treat My People With Respect