God is looking you over

* Are you looking over to God? You must look up

1Sam. 18:9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

1Sam. 14:49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchishua: and the names of his two daughters were these; the name of the firstborn **Merab**, and the name of the younger **Michal**:

18:10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

18:17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter **Merab**, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

19 But it came to pass at the time when **Merab** Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in the one of the twain.

22 And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.

1. 1Sa 18:10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

11 And **Saul cast the javelin**; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And **David avoided out of his presence twice**.

1 Sam. 18:10-11,19:10

* evil spirit
* evil spirit he prophesied **Saul cast the javelin**
* God is looking for
  + Faith
  + True Repentance
  + Humility 1 Sam.19:20,24 – The Spirit of God ; (18:10- evil spirit)
  + Commitment

God is seeing

1. **Fear**

* Saul was afraid of David.
* Saul was angry with David.

1Sam. 18:12 And Saul was afraid of David

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

2Sa 3:1 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

11 And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

Mark 6:20 For **Herod feared John**, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

1. **Anger** – overtaken by the spirit of pride, covetousness and envy.

**Saul cast the javelin**

1Sa 18:12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

19:10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

1. **Pride** instead of humility

1Sa 18:17 And **Saul said** to David, Behold **my** elder daughter Merab, her will **I give** thee to wife: only be thou valiant for **me**, and fight the LORD'S battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him

1. **Covetousness**

1Sa 18:17 And Saul said to David... Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

* Saul coveted the kingdom, peoples praise and respect.

1Sa 18:7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

(David presided in the business of his country, civil as well as military)

1Sam. 18:13,16 “went out and came in”

1. **Envy**

1Sa 18:13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

* This was under pretence of doing him honour, when it was in effect only to rid himself of the object of his envy.

1Sa 17:25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired.

Saul planned to use the evil influence of his daughter to seduce and corrupt David. He had wanted her to influence and encourage David to participate in her false worship. By her evil influence, he hoped to destroy David's spiritual life, his witness and testimony for God.

This is a strong warning for us to stand against all seduction and evil influence and associations that might corrupt us. God's Word is clear: we live *in the world*, but we must not be a part *of the world*. Spiritually, we are to be separated from the world and its evil influences and associations. We are not to participate in the evil, corrupt, wicked ways of the world. This is the clear teaching of God's Holy Word:

1Sa 18:20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

28 And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

1Sa 19:20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

1Sa 19:24 And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

Re 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Stripped him of his throne rights

What now occupies your mind

Any minding of the flesh is carnal

Any mind

Its not the minding of flesh that makes us carnal

It’s the carnal mind that makes you mind the things of the flesh.