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Topic: Jealousy Corrupts!

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 18:15-30

1. Jealousy corrupts is a wrongful jealousy which arises when we compare ourselves with others who are better than us and we are not satisfied with our lot in life. In the text here, we see how jealousy corrupts king Saul against David.
2. David was blessed by God who prospered him in the war. In the victory parade, the women sang that Saul had slain his 1000 but David his 10,000. They praised David more than Saul as a better warrior. From Saul, one can see how jealousy corrupts a person.
3. Saul deliberately took a javelin to throw at David to kill him. He did it twice. God protected the life of David. Saul was insecure and he knew that his kingdom would be taken away from him to David. He resisted the will of God.
4. Saul was also pretentious in wanting to let his daughter marry David. He actually wanted David to die in the fight against the Philistines as the dowry required was 100 foreskins of the Philistines. Jealousy made Saul to be malicious and spiteful. Jealousy made Saul to be devoid of human affection even to use his own daughter.
5. We must learn from David's response as he did not take any revenge against Saul and maintained a good testimony before the Lord. David behaved himself wisely in all his ways.