



# Mercy in the Morning

*-When God proves His promise true!-*  
I Samuel 13-20

## **I Samuel 19:23-24**

And he [Saul] went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 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? (KJV)

## **Psalms 59:1-17**

*<<To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.>>*

Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me. Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men. For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.

They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold.

Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear?

But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision. Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defense.

The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.

Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.

Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defense, and the God of my mercy. (KJV)

## ***Introduction:***

Stress, pressure, fear...we are accustomed to living with these emotions. Every year millions of dollars are funneled towards outlets for relief from these strong emotions. Strangely enough during this time of year, Halloween, fear and horror are sought out to be some sort of twisted relief from the reality of the world's stress, pressures and fear.

Saturday morning my son Carter who is 3 sat on his bed as the sunlight was still struggling to peer from behind the heavy curtains in his bedroom and he cried. When I went in and asked him why he was crying he said that he was afraid of the monsters in his room. I swept him up into my arms and assured him that he was safe from any monsters as there were none in his room. The thought hit me like a flash...here was Carter in the safest place he could be—his own bedroom, and yet he was afraid of monsters.

You know, everyday we move about this world there are horrible "monsters" waiting to tackle us and take us down. Hardly do we ever imagine those monsters in our own home where we are most vulnerable. Yet here in David's life we find him in a new home and a very unfamiliar environment and he faces 4 dramatic life-threatening challenges which God uses to mold him into a confident King.

## **I. David [*From Philistines to Fugitive*] —Innocence does not always protect you from danger.**

- ***David rises to the challenge of conquering 200 Philistines for Michal's hand in marriage. (I Sam. 18:26-27)***
- ***David avoids the strike of two javelins (I Sam. 18:11; 19:10)***

**Would you sympathize with the feelings of a father in this article?**

In the May 28, 1998, edition of USA Today, the following appeared among the letters to the editor:

*Will somebody help me save my son? My son is two years old and is a reflection of complete innocence. His vulnerability to this harsh, violent, ignorant and uncaring world just rips my heart apart. He knows nothing of the killing within the schools that are supposed to prepare children for the world. He knows nothing of the abuse that happens within the homes of children just his age. As he plays with his toys, he is oblivious to the tragedies that occur every day across the country. And as he clutches his blanket, sleeping soundly, dreaming of the mommy and daddy who love him, he has no idea of the complete social and moral decay of our country. Does anyone care anymore? Will someone please, please help me save my son?*

—Edward Moats, Belle air Beach, Florida\*

This man understands that innocence will not keep even those we love the most in a dangerous world. Like David, we are all threatened by dangers even when we try to do right.

## **II. David [*From Midnight escape to Man of God*]**—Relationships may crumble under the most intense of pressure.****

- ***David escapes from his own house with the help of Michal (I Sam. 19:11-17).***

"We must understand and accept the fact that even though love is one of the most powerful forces in the universe, it is not always powerful enough to keep us safe and sound in a dangerous world...it may postpone danger, but not eliminate it."

- A. We cannot force others to do what is right.**
- B. We cannot stand in the way of impending judgment of God upon others.**
- C. God may choose to use us to guide, warn, comfort, protect others, but ultimately we cannot rely upon ourselves to truly help someone in need.**

## **III. David [*From Prophets School to Proven Friend*]**— Godly counsel can provoke Divine protection****

- **David escapes from 3 groups of messengers/soldiers & Saul with Samuel's help (I Sam. 19:18-24)**

God hath not promised skies ever blue.  
Flower-strewn pathways always for you.  
God had not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.  
But He hath promised strength from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

***Psalm 59:16-17***

***But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.***

***Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defense, and the God of my mercy.***

***Conclusion:***

- **What makes you feel safe in this world?**
- **Do we always have to live in fear or is there another option?**
- **God will not always deliver you from danger, so what is your response to that?**
- **"It doesn't matter how great the pressure is. What really matters is where the pressure lies, whether it comes between me and God or whether it presses me nearer His heart."**

*--Howard Taylor, Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret*