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1 Samuel 18:5-9

David, the Warrior

5 David went out to fight wherever King Saul sent him. And David was very successful. Then Saul promoted David, putting him over some of his soldiers. Saul's officers and all the other people were very glad to see this.

6 After David had killed more Philistines, he and the soldiers would return home. Women would come out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul. They would sing songs of joy. They danced. And, they played tambourines and three-stringed instruments. 7 Back and forth, as they were playing, they sang:

“Saul has killed thousands of his enemies.

But David has killed his tens of thousands!”

8 This song of the women made Saul very upset. He thought it was a bad thing. He said, “They claim that David has killed tens of thousands, but they say I have killed only thousands! What else will belong to David!? The kingdom!?” 9 So, Saul watched David very closely from that time forward. (Saul was so jealous of David.)

Saul hated the fact that the Jewish people really loved David, not Saul. That is why Saul tried to kill David many times. So, David was forced to run away and hide from King Saul for several years.