

King Saul's Moods

But an evil spirit from the Lord came upon Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the harp, Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear; but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape.

1 Samuel 19:9-10



See-saw Saul, one moment he is up, the next he is down. It must have been difficult for poor David to experience both the favor and wrath of King Saul almost within the same heartbeat. On numerous occasions David had opportunity to get even with Saul but he didn't. David respected the position Saul occupied as king of Israel. The message for us is that at times 'the position' rather than 'the person' requires respect. Whether it be parent, teacher, boss, mayor or anyone over us in authority, we may be obligated to show respect even when it isn't earned.

