LESSON V.

May 2, 1915, Saul Tries to Kill David. 1 Sam. 1:9 1-24. Print 19: 1-12.

Commentary.—I. Jonathan's care for David (vs. 1-7.) 1. That they should kill David—It was in one of his insane fits of jealousy that Saul gave this murderous order. David continued to play on the harp before him to quiet play on the harp before him to quiet him, but his efforts were not always successful. The records do not show that there was any freah cause for Saul's anger. 2. Jonathan told David—David had a warm friend in the king's court in the person of Jonathan, whose soul was kuit with the soul of David (ch. 18: 1.) The two had made a covenant of friendship and Jonathan showed himself a true friend to David as long as he lived. He took the part of David rather fhan that of his insanely jealous father. Hidde thyself—Since Saul had given orders to his servants as well as to Jonders to his servants are not as the lives and the lives are the lives as the l ders to his servants as well as to Jon-athan to take David's life, it was very necessary that David take the best possible precautions to protect him-self. 3. In the field where thou art— Jonathan was standing between his father and David. It would seem that he wished David to know exactly what he wished David to know exactly what Saul's mind was regarding him, therefore he requested him to hide in such a place that he could quickly report to him what Saul said. I will commune with my father of thee—Jonathan was willing to draw out his father in conversation and to plead for his friend.

4. Jonothan spoke good of David—Had Jenathan simply advised David to flee without endeavoring to bring Saul to a better mind, he would have

Saul to 3 better mind, he would have acted to the prejudice of his father's interests, by depriving him of the best support of his kingdom.—Cam. What follows reveals the wisdom of Jonathan and his sense of jusdom of Jonathan and his sense of jus-tice. Let not the king sin against...
David. The course Saul was taking with reference to David was most un-just, and Jonathan was ready both to recognize respectfully his father's kingship and to point out the wicked-ness of his actions toward David. This meant much since Saul was the father meant much, since Saul was the father meant much, since Saul was the father and was also king. Hath not sinned against thee—David had constantly worked for the interests of the nation, and in doing so had worked for the best interests of the king. To theeward—Toward thee. 5. Put his life in his hand—David risked his life, as he went out against Callath. He did to went out against Gollath. He did it out of devetion to his country and his God. He did what no man in all the army of Israel was willing to do. The Lord wrought a great salvation for all Israel—David wen; forth in the name of the Lord against the Phillstunes champion and the Lord gave Israel the rictory as a result. Jonathan devoutly ascribed to God the honor for it. Didst rejoice—It was well for Saul to be remitted of what had been done and of how lie had felt about the work David did. Innocent blood—In taking the life of David he world by the state of the life of David he world by the state of the life of David he world by the state of the life of David he world by the state of the life of David he world by the state of the life of David he world by the life of David he the life of David he would be shed-ding innocent blood.

6. Saul harkened—The plea of Jonathan was effectual. He had appealed to reason, to justice and to experience. Jonathan was a noble man and deserved to be heard. As the Lord liveth served to be heard. As the Lord liveth
—A form of expression used to render
a statement emphatic. He shall not
be slain—Thus quickly was Saul's
mind changed, but it was not permanently fixed. This shows his impulsiveness, which no doubt became
greater on account of his malady. 7.
Showed him all those things—David's
relief must have been very great when
he learned of Saul's changed attitude
toward him; yet he must have realized
that his attitude might change as sudthat his attitude might change as suddenly again. He was in his presence as in times past—He was Israel's great

as in times past—He was israel's great military leader, yet he employed his skill in music for Saul's Sake. II. David's escape from Saul (vs. 8-17). 8. There was war again— The Philistines had not been permanently subdued. David went out—His suc-cess in this campaign was expert. cess in this campaign was great. He performed a most important service for Saul and his kingdom. 9. Evit spirit from the Lord was upon Saul— The Holy Spirit had been withdawn from Saul because of his disobedience to God's commands, and the Lord permitted an evil spirit to take possession of him at times. The spirit of jealousy returned and he was beside himself. As he sat, etc.—Saul, as usual, had his spear in his hand, and David was playing upon his harp in an effort to soothe the enraged king. 10. Saul sought to smite David—No promise that he had made was remembered when this new fit of anger gained conwhen this new lit of anger gained control of the king. Escaped that night—Fled from the king's presence and first sought refuge in his own house. To some it seemed strange that David did not effect his escape altogether from Saul after his former attempt to smite him (ch. 18: 11); but doubtless David regarded Saul's former attack as an outburst of his madness, not flowan outburst of his madness, not now-ing from any deep-seated design against his life. But now, after the startling revelations which Jonathan had made to him of Saul's deadly pur-pose, he feels that his life is no longer safe in the royal court.-Whedon.

pose, he feels that his life is no longer safe in the royal court.—Whedon.

II. Sent messengers unto David's house—At this time Saul's purpose seems to have been firm to cause the death of David. As David had at first fled to his house, Saul hoped to have him caught there. He expected his men would guard the house to prevent David's escape. They were to take him in the morning while he was not suspecting an attack and not on his guard. Michal David's wife—She was Saul's daughter. She warned David against her father's efforts to slay him. She doubtless knew Saul's disposition better than David did. "Psalm 59 is referred to by its title to the present occasion. It this is correct, the psalm supplements the history, showing that David was in danger, not from Saul only, but from ruffians among Saul's followers who prowled about the streets of Gileah threatening his life."—Cam. Bib. 12. Through a window—The spies escaped from Jericho through a window (Josh. 2: 15). and Paul once made his escape

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from his enemies by being let down from a window. If David's house was on the city wall the escape was not difficult, for the guard would likely be watching at the door of his house. 13-17. Michal took an image she had in the house and put it in David's hed. her father her course in allowing David to escape. We can not ap-prove of her deception and falsehood. David fled to Ramah, the home of Samuel, and told Samuel what Saul had done. He remained with Samuel in the school of the prophets. Saul heard of it and sent men to take David, and as they came near the school of the prophets they began to

David, and as they came near the school of the prophets, they began to prophesy. Saul sent the second time and the third time with the same results, then he went himself, and as he drew near he also began to prophesy. God would call Saul's attention to his wicked course.

QUESTIONS.—Who was Jonathan?
What was his attitude toward David?
How did Jonathan bring his father to What was his attitude toward David?
How did Jonathan bring his father to
feel friendly toward David? What
success did David have in his war
with the Philistines? What attempt
did Saul make to slay David? How
did David escape? Who was Michal?
Where did David go from Gibeah?
With whom did he live? What came
to those whom Saul sent to take

PRACTICAL SURVEY. Topic.—Attempted violence.

1. Disclosed Saul's secret plot

I. Disclosed Saul's secret plot. In tracing Saul in his progress to final was on the city wall the escape was not difficult, for the guard would likely be watching at the door of his house. 13-17. Michal took an image she had in the house and put it in David's bed and with a goat's hair pillow made a representatation of a man. She did this too deceive Saul's men and give David time to make good his escape. She also employed falsehood to explain to her father her course in allowing David to escape. We can not apvelation of the individual characteristics of the two men and the principles which actuated them. The ruling passion of Saul's inner life became his acknowledged master, so that murger in intent became murder avowed. He raised in Jonathan's mind the conflict between worldly, personal interests and his fidelity of friendship. It was a deep grief to Jonathan to witness the downfall of his father in charac-ter, but to be called upon to be par-taker of his sin was heyond all else. In yearning desire to save his father from centinued crime and in fervent hope to save the life of God's elegant hope to spare the life of God's chosen him. Jonathan's prudent and persua-sive intercession softened the king's

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II. Defeated by divine intervention. The path marked out for David was dark and dangerous, but God watched over, led and defended him. Things permitted were to test, strengthen and vised the means of escape for David, deceived the messengers of Saul and invented a ready story to disarm her father's wrath. Her fear of her father was greater than her love for truth. Her love for her husband was greater than her hatred for sin. David sought Samuel whose home was the centre of spiritual influence. Life at Saul's court was out of accord with his most court was out of accord with his meet cherished aspirations. He was con-scious of being misunderstod and mis-represented. The earlier days of quiet service and holy communion with God were but sweet memories, bringing the bitter realities of daily life into stron-ger relief. What wonder that with bounding heart and rapid flight he sought consolation, counsel and rest none, Jonathan conversed in a kindiy manner with his father, citing David's heroism in behalf of Israel and God's evident approval of him. He recalled Saul's own admiration for David, then asked if he could inflict death upon him. Jonathan's product and very middle of the could inflict death upon him. Jonathan's product and very condition of the land was troubled with the unsatisfactory condition of the land was troubled with the unsatisfactory condition of the land was troubled with the unsatisfactory condition of the land was troubled with the unsatisfactory condition of the land was troubled with the unsatisfactory condition of the land was troubled with the unsatisfactory condition. around himself a band of men who court, Samuel was quietly gathering obduracy, so that he made a most solemn profession of reconciliation and David "was in his presence as in times past." The change wrought was tusperficial, for Saul's nature was alienated from God.

II. Defeated by divine intervention.

separation that Saul thus drew near to the revered man of God and the com-pany of prophets, the only occasion on which Samuel, David and Saul were gers weer restrained from carrying out their orders. The divine power was exercised, first upon Saul's men and then upon himself. As each band saw the venerated Samuel stand at the head of the prophets, they feared to do violence to one under such august protection. Hitherto Saul appeared to be fighting solely against David, but when the spirit of prophecy came upon his messengers and rendered them helpless, it was obvious that he was fighting against God. Such knowledge added to his mental confusion, though not sufficiently to subdue his wild passion. His bodily manifestations boarded. The highest bid of 16c was were not marks of grace, but indicate a moral state at variance with the Spirit of God. The experience serve to change a persecuting monarch int

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Wounded—April 18, No. 1.487, Pri-ate Russell Whiteside. Next of kin, Mrs. Emery, 223 Lease street, Fort

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Wounded—April 16, No. 24,334, Pte.
Thomas Richard Adams. Nxet of kin,
Mrs. W. J. Fogg, 796 Delorimier ave-

Killed in action—April 18, No. 25,557, Pte. Wm. Alexander. Next of kin, Mrs. Alexander, 191 Vinet street, Mont-

menten.
Wounded—April 18, No. 1785, Private Benjamin Holt. Next of kin,
Louisa Holt, 213 Twenty-fifth avenue,

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Wounded-April 18, No. 20,833, Corp.

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Fifteenth Battalion—
Slightly wounded—April 19, Lieut.
Frank M Gibson. Next of kin, Sir
John Gibson. Hamilton.

16th Battalion:
Wounded—Maior Loroe Ross, admitted to hospital London. April 19, gunshot wound right arm. Next of kin. Katherine H. Ross. 1236 Faithful street N. Victoria, B. C.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry:

Infantry:
Wounded—April 18, N. 713, Private
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