FROM THE HEART OF JEALOUSY

The Rocks of the Wild Goats (I Samuel 24:2)

 I am Saul, King of Israel, the first and anointed king of Israel. I am God’s anointed and I refuse to allow any to challenge me. It is my intent for Jonathan, my son, to succeed me as king. There is this nobody by the name of David, son of Jessie, who is some shepherd boy that can play a harp who has come along and has killed Goliath the champion of the Philistines, who thinks he is going to take my throne. He and his band of outlaws are a constant thorn in my side. All of Israel are singing songs about him as if he can be the king over Israel. Even my son Jonathan loves him. Well if David thinks he is a better man than me I will give him the chance to prove it.

 I have been chasing the Philistines but now we are back to the real business at hand and that is to hunt down and kill David. I have just chosen three thousand of my finest and most capable soldiers to help me track down and take this outlaw leader. There is not a place I will not go to find him. There is not a place that he can hide that will hide him from me. Some have said that I should leave some of the three thousand to protect our strong holds but this is job one. There is nothing more important than to find and do away with David. I cannot have someone challenging me. Although he has never openly challenged me, he is constantly doing things that make the people praise him and sing songs about him. They never do that for me and I am their king!

 Satan uses jealousy to lead us toward destruction. We suddenly find ourselves on the “Rocks of the wild goats.” The best thing to do with jealousy is to “Nip it! Nip it in the bud!”

Yours in Christ,

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