

Chapter 19

Saul intending to kil Daud is pacified by Ionathas. 9. Neuertheles attempteth agayn to kil him, and mifsing his purpofe, 11. fendeth fouldiars to take and bring him backe that he may be flaine, but Michol his wife helpeth him away, and excufeth her felf to her father, as if she had done it for feare. 18. Daud and Samuel flee into Naioth. 20. Againe Saul fendeth fouldiars after them three times, and they al doe prophecie. 22. Then him felf purfueth Daud, and alfo prophecieth.

And Saul fpake to Ionathas his fonne, and to al his feruantes, that they fhould kil Daud. Moreouer Ionathas the fonne of Saul, loued Daud exceedingly. ² And Ionathas told Daud, faying: Saul my father feeketh to kil thee: wherefore looke to thy felf I befech thee in the morning, and thou fhalt abide fecretly, and fhalt be hid. ³ But I going forth wil ftand befide my father, in the field wherefoeuer he fhall be: and I wil fpake of thee to my father, and whatfoeuer I fhall fee, I wil tel thee. ⁴ Ionathas therefore fpake good wordes of Daud to Saul his father: and fayd to him: Sinne not, ô King againft thy feruant Daud, becaufe he hath not finned toward thee, and his workes are very good for thee. ⁵ And he put his life in his hand, and ftroke the Philiftian, and our Lord made great faluation to al Ifrael. Thou haft feene & didft reioice, why therefore finneft thou in innocent blood killing Daud, who is without fault? ⁶ Which when Saul had heard, being pacified with the voice of Ionathas, he fwore: Our Lord liueth, he fhall not be flaine. ⁷ Ionathas therefore called Daud and shewed him al thefe wordes, and Ionathas brought in Daud to Saul, and he was before him, as he had bene yefterday and the day before. ⁸ And there was battel rayfed againe, and Daud going forth, fought againft the Philiftijms, and ftroke them with a great flaughter, and they fled from his face. ⁹ And the euil fpirit of our Lord came vpon Saul, and he fate in his houfe, and held a fpeare: moreouer Daud played with

his hand. ¹⁰ And Saul endeoured to naile Daud to the wal with his fpeare. And Daud declined from the face of Saul: and the fpeare without making wound, pearced the wal, and Daud fled, and was faued that night. ¹¹ Saul therefore fent of his garde into Dauds houfe, that they fhould keepe him, & that he might be killed in the morning. Which when Michol his wife had told Daud, faying: Vnles thou faue thy felf this night, to morowe thou shalt die: ¹² she let him downe through a windowe. Moreouer he went and fled away, and was faued. ¹³ And Michol tooke ^a)a ftatua, and put it vpon the bed, and a hearie skinne of goates she layd at the head thereof, and couered it with garmentes. ¹⁴ And Saul fayd to Michol: Why haft thou mocked me, and let goe mynemie that he might flee? And Michol answered Saul: Becaufe he fayd to me: Let me goe, otherwife I wil kil thee. ¹⁵ But Daud fleing was faued, and came to Samuel in Ramatha, and told him al thinges that Saul had done to him: and he & Samuel went & abode in Naioth. ¹⁶ And it was told Saul by fome faying: Behold Daud is in Naioth in Ramatha. ¹⁷ Saul therefore fent ferientes, to take away Daud: who when they had feene a troupe of prophetes prophecying, & Samuel ftanding ouer them, the fpirit of our Lord came alfo on them, and they alfo began to prophecie. ¹⁸ Which when it was told Saul, he fent other meffengers: but they alfo did prophecie. And againe Saul fent the third meffengers: who alfo prophecied. And Saul being wrath for anger, ¹⁹ went alfo him felfe into Ramatha, and came as farre as the great cefterne, which is in Socho, and asked, and faid: In what place are Samuel and Daud? And it was told him: Loe they are in Naioth in Ramatha. ²⁰ And he went into Naioth in Ramatha, and the Spirit of our Lord came vpon him, and he walked

^a This ftatua, or image can not importe an idol, as the fame word *tereophim* doth, *Gen. 31.* for here no idolatrie at al was cōmitted, but a right office done by the wife towards her hufband. The fame word alfo fignifieth religious thinges belonging to Gods feruice. *Ofee. 3.*

going, and he ^{a)}prophecied til he came into Naioth in Ramatha. ²¹ And he ftipped himfelfe of his garments, and prophecied with the reft before Samuel, and fang naked al that day and night. Wherupon there went out alfo a prouerb: What is Saul alfo among the prophetes.

^a Saul and his meffengers had not the gift of prophecie, as godlie prophetes had by an inherent habite, but tranſitorie, as Baalams affe had facultie to ſpeake, at one time, but did not afterward ſpeake anie more. *S. Aug. li. 2. q. 1. ad Simplician.*