

## 1 Samuel 18:7-9

*So the women sang as they danced, and said:*

*"Saul has slain his thousands,  
And David his ten thousands."*

*Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?" So Saul eyed David from that day forward.*

Leading up to today's devotional verses, Saul was made king, and he didn't listen to or follow the Lord, therefore God had David anointed as king instead of Saul. The whole story is very exciting, and I would encourage you to read it in I Samuel starting in chapter one and reading all the way through the book of I Samuel.

So getting into today's verse, here both Saul and David go out to war, and Saul doesn't do quite as good as David did, and as we read here in today's verse, songs were sung in honor of the battle. In this song they gave David ten times more honor than they have given to Saul, which was really true.

But the thing that we can learn here is about jealousy. Saul was jealous of David even though Saul had killed some (thousands) in the battle also. Yet, we tend to be like Saul sometimes and see others doing great things for the Lord and think that we are not doing enough, because we don't do as much as that other Christian is doing.

But if you think about it, Saul may have only killed his thousands, but even though it didn't match up to David's ten thousands, it still helped out in the battle, because if Saul had not killed these thousand, then the others fighting the battle would had to have fought harder.

You may not feel like what you do is that great for the Lord, but if you didn't do what you are doing, or should be doing, then others will have to take up the slack, which hinders them from doing what the Lord would have them to do. And rest assured that you will be rewarded even for these little things that you do (in our minds) when you get to heaven.

† **Psalm 40:8** *I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.*

† **Psalm 100:2** *Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.*