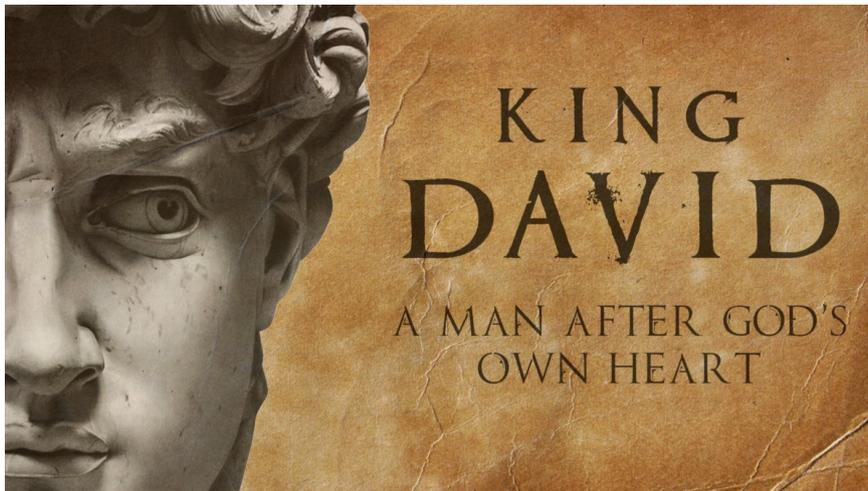


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# WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE

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## What coming against a Man of God does ...




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Reviling a spiritual ruler

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Dire consequences for individual and country

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Royal law to be adhered to

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### **“You shall not revile God, nor curse a (*spiritual*) ruler of your people.” Exodus 22.28**

When God spoke to Moses and handed down the mosaic laws for God's people He stated that they were not to revile their ruler, which was the High priest -essentially a Man of God. This was a Royal Law. They recognised that this position was higher than any nations' King ruler as the Man of God was constantly offering up sacrifices to God for the protection of the people. That is why such a role was and ought to be held in high esteem even today, for the souls of believers are kept for salvation by the intercessory prayers each night by a true Man of God. If a Pastor or Priest is not doing this he is a false shepherd as John 10 describes : a hireling one hired for money (is on a wage) that doesn't care (sacrificially pray every night) for the sheep and shepherd them in the ways of God away from sin or a corrupt life.

So we see the role of a spiritual ruler was of paramount importance and it was known for thousands of years never to come against a ruler appointed by God for fear of being cursed oneself by God. This premise held true whether the ruler was just or unjust. We see this clearly in the years that David was being unfairly pursued by King Saul who was anointed King by the Spirit of God but became jealous when David was anointed by the prophet Samuel to be his successor. Saul tried to kill him on numerous occasions to no avail as God's protection was upon David. Yet in all this the reverential fear of God was upon David never to retaliate against 'God's anointed' for David knew that he would be guilty of reviling a ruler as written in Exodus. So he endured persecution rather than retaliating for he knew of the severe consequences of

doing so. David restrains his men from attacking King Saul when they had ample opportunity to do so on a particular occasion when he declares in 1 Samuel 24:6-7 NKJV

*[6] "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord." [7] So David restrained his servants with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. ...even though David was anointed to succeed King Saul!*

Further we see in the New Testament how quickly the apostle Paul adheres immediately to this law as he knew the consequences of breaking this command. Acts 23:1-5 NKJV

*[1] Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." [2] And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. [3] Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit to judge me according to the law, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the law?" [4] And those who stood by said, "Do you revile God's high priest?" [5] Then Paul said, "I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"*

*"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places (ie: mind)...[17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; [18] praying ALWAYS with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication ... Ephesians 6:12-18*

So we can clearly see we are not dealing firstly with the natural flesh and blood but with words that are spirits or forces. That's why we have to protect our mind in the spirit realm constantly of any negative word we may speak as they unleash spirits or evil forces/curses against us.

Many a time throughout the scriptures we see the disastrous consequences on nations' very existence when they reviled their spiritual rulers. Jeremiah the Man of God kept warning the nation of Israel to fix their ways or a foreign power would come and invade the country and dispossess the people, kill their loved ones and enslave them. They stubbornly persecuted the Man of God Jeremiah for saying this.

*Jeremiah 18:18-23 NKJV*

*[18] Then they said, "Come and let us devise plans against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come and let us attack him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words." [19] Give heed to me, O LORD, And listen to the voice of those who contend with me! [20] Shall evil be repaid for good? For they have dug a pit for my life. Remember that I stood before You To speak good for them, To turn away Your wrath from them. [21] Therefore deliver up their children to the famine,*

*And pour out their blood By the force of the sword; Let their wives become widows And bereaved of their children. Let their men be put to death, Their young men be slain By the sword in battle. [22] Let a cry be heard from their houses, When You bring a troop suddenly upon them; For they have dug a pit to take me, And hidden snares for my feet. [23] Yet, Lord, You know all their counsel Which is against me, to slay me. Provide no atonement for their iniquity, Nor blot out their sin from Your sight; But let them be overthrown before You. Deal thus with them In the time of Your anger. ...*

And this is what happened. Jeremiah 18:15-17 NKJV

*[15] "Because My people have forgotten Me, They have burned incense to worthless idols. And they have caused themselves to stumble in their ways, From the ancient paths, To walk in pathways and not on a highway, [16] To make their land desolate and a perpetual hissing; Everyone who passes by it will be astonished And shake his head. [17] I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back and not the face In the day of their calamity." ...*

A vicious oppressor, a heathen King Nebuchadnezzar invaded and burned their land to nothing and took people and possessions away and they were kept as slaves for the next 70 years in harsh bondage carted away to a foreign land in chains.

**What was not understood was the severity of coming against the voice of God through a Man of God for warning and correction.**

They oppressed Jeremiah - the spirit of God vested in a man, and so God harshly oppressed them.

This serves as a warning that we as Australians need to think very carefully when we oppress any Man of God doing good works regardless of what we may believe about him. Most of what one believes comes from a lying media or here-say conversations so we need to ask for forgiveness if we have taken on any negative thoughts or spoken negative words against such a Man of God for curses WILL FOLLOW us in our lives for we are coming against God and not a mere Man.

If we have said anything untoward any Man of the cloth we need to take steps to restore or retribute anything taken from him for God will ultimately judge a Man of God - who are we to do so with sin upon us? If we truly understand that our judgement lies at the door of our household or our country we would be wise to quickly rectify any wrong perpetrated against such a Man of God especially one appointed by God who continually offers up nightly sacrifices and prayers of intercession for his enemies - without fail !