

God's leaders must address their

"MURDER"

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Saul is trying to deal with the Philistines and the Philistines have sorely attacked him. Their archers have wounded him, but it was not the archers of his enemies that killed him. Saul was destroyed by his own sword.

And ultimately as leaders, disciples and/or believers, we spend far too much time focusing on **external** forces, but never or very little evaluating ourselves. Do not be so concerned about **external** forces, but be very concerned about what you can do to yourself by not addressing the six inflicted wounds prior to this message.

Today, I want to warn you about falling on your own sword and self-destructing due to bad decisions. I challenge each leader to review what they are saying, preaching, teaching and leading. Why? This will help you to avoid the Valley of Gilboa where the enemy is waiting to cut your head cut off! We all must face Christ (**JAMES 3:1**). Consider the life of King Saul our warning. Saul killed people who were not meant to be killed and didn't kill who he was told to kill by God. Many leaders today are killing (spiritually) those placed under their authority by yielding to self and not listening to God.

1 CHRONICLES 10:4-10 AMP – (4) Then Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and run me through with it, otherwise these uncircumcised [Philistines] will come and abuse and humiliate me." But his armor bearer would not, for he was terrified. So Saul took his own sword and fell on it. (5) When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died. (6) So Saul died with his three sons and all *those* of his house died together. (7) When all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that the army had fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities and fled; and the Philistines came and lived in them. (8) It came about the next day, when the Philistines came to strip (plunder) the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. (9) So they stripped Saul and took his head and his armor and sent *messengers* around the land of the Philistines to bring the good news to their idols and to the people. (10) They put Saul's armor in the house of their gods and nailed up his head in the house (temple) of Dagon.

What a leader doesn't address, God will! Or **WHAT YOU DON'T KILL, WILL KILL YOU!**

SCRIPTURE READING: EZRA 10:4

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: REPENT!

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"