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1 in I Sam 18:8-11. Saul sometimes found relief
 2 for his highly strung nerves through listening
 3 to the playing of David on the harp. When the
 4 populace praised David's exploits as a warrior
 5 it filled Saul with jealousy and added to his
 6 nervousness. One day an evil spirit came upon
 7 Saul "and he prophesied in the midst of the
 8 house: and David played with his hand, as at
 9 other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's
 10 hand. And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I
 11 will smite David even to the wall with it" (vv.
 12 10-11). There is nothing unique about Saul's
 13 irrational and changeable actions. The only
 14 problem in the passage is the use of the word
 15 "prophesy" in connection with Saul, which may
 16 have been used to mean that he poured out words
 17 in a way that might have sounded to others like
 18 the speaking of the followers of the prophets,
 19 or, more likely, that it was felt that the evil
 20 spirit was expressing its ideas through Saul's
 21 mouth. In either case it can hardly be taken as
 22 throwing much light on the characteristics of
 23 God's true prophets.

24 The other passage in I Sam is in ch. 28 where
 25 Saul, who had strictly forbidden the people to

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