

NOON BIBLE STUDY: 1 SAMUEL 18

1 SAMUEL 18:1-4 - JONATHAN & DAVID

JONATHAN, THE SON OF THE KING, HONORS DAVID AS KING. EVEN SAUL HONORS DAVID. "STRIPPED HIMSELF OF HIS ROBE" WAS AS SYMBOL OF AN AGREEMENT/COVENANT (V. 3), IT WAS PROBABLY THE OUTER MILITARY THEMED OR MONARCHY SPECIFIC ROBE. THERE IS NOTHING IMPROPER ABOUT THIS ACT. REMEMBER 1 SAMUEL 13 & 14 TELL THE STORY OF JONATHAN'S VICTORY AS A RESULT OF HIS TRUST IN GOD, AND WE ARE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DAVID'S DEFEAT OF GOLIATH. JONATHAN AND DAVID SHARE A FAITH THAT WAS NOT PRESENT BETWEEN JONATHAN AND HIS FATHER.

1 SAMUEL 18:5-9 - SAUL'S JEALOUSY

V. 5 - SAUL PROMOTES DAVID OVER THE MEN OF WAR

V. 6-7 - AT FIRST THE PEOPLE PRAISE SAUL (WHO IS PLEASED WITH THAT) BUT THEN THEIR AFFECTIONS GROW FOR DAVID, AND THEIR PRAISE OF DAVID IS GREATER. (SAUL'S 1000'S V. DAVID'S 10,000'S). THIS DEVASTATES SAUL'S ALREADY FRAGILE EGO.

THIS WAS APPARENTLY A VERY POPULAR SONG, BEYOND JUST ISRAEL.

1 SAMUEL 21:10-11 — KNOWN IN CITY OF GATH, IN LAND OF PHILISTINES

1 SAMUEL 29:5 — REFERENCED AMONG PHILISTINE SOLDIERS

1 SAMUEL 18:10-16 - SAUL'S FEAR OF DAVID



V. 10-11 - SAUL THROWS SPEAR AT DAVID (2X?).

Q - WHAT DOES VERSE 12 & 14-15 TELL US ABOUT WHAT SAUL IS CONCERNED ABOUT?

V. 13 - SAUL COULD NO LONGER BEAR TO HAVE DAVID IN HIS PRESENCE.

V. 16 - THE NATION LOVES DAVID

1 SAMUEL 18:17-19 - DAVID TO MARRY MERAB

V. 17 - SAUL REVISES HIS STRATEGY AGAINST DAVID. RATHER THAN KILLING HIM HIMSELF (EX: SPEAR), HE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DAVID'S BRAVERY AND MILITARY SKILL AGAINST THE PHILISTINES. AND IF DAVID DIES DURING HIS BATTLES AGAINST THE PHILISTINE'S, THEN SAUL'S "PROBLEM" IS SOLVED.

V. 19 - WHEN MERAB WAS TO MARRY DAVID, SHE WAS INSTEAD GIVEN AWAY TO SOMEONE ELSE. SAUL TOOK ADVANTAGE OF DAVID'S HUMILITY (V. 18)

1 SAMUEL 18:20-24 - MICHAL

SAUL NOW TAKES ADVANTAGE OF MICHAL'S LOVE FOR DAVID TO USE HER AS A REPLACEMENT BRIDE TO KEEP DAVID NEARBY AND HAPPY. SAUL DOESN'T SEEM TO REGARD THE HEART AND LIFE OF ANYONE OTHER THAN HIMSELF, INCLUDING HIS OWN CHILDREN. HE EVEN USES HIS SERVANTS TO CONVINCE DAVID HE SHOULD BECOME SAUL'S SON-IN-LAW BY MARRYING MICHAL (V. 22)

WHEN YOU ARE PARANOID, EGOTISTICAL AND SELFFOCUSED, YOU ARE WILLING TO USE OTHER PEOPLE FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT, OFTEN TIMES AT THE EXPENSE OF THEIR BENEFIT. THIS IS NOT AN ADMIRABLE QUALITY IN GENERAL AND CERTAINLY NOT AN ATTRIBUTE OF A CHRIST FOLLOWER. CONSIDER WHETHER YOU ARE MORE INCLINED TO SACRIFICIALLY GIVE OR SELFISHLY TAKE. DO YOU WANT WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU OR WHAT IS BEST FOR OTHERS?

V. 21 - SAUL HOPED THAT MICHAL WOULD BECOME A "SNARE" TO DAVID BECAUSE OF THE DOWRY REQUEST THAT WILL FOLLOW (V. 25-27)

1 SAMUEL 18:24-29 - SAUL'S DOWRY REQUEST: 100 PHILISTINE FORESKINS

V. 25 - DOWRY: MONEY OR PROPERTY THAT A WIFE OR WIFE'S FAMILY GIVES TO HER HUSBAND WHEN THE WIFE AND HUSBAND MARRY IN SOME CULTURES (MERRIAM-WEBSTER DICTIONARY VIA M-W.COM).

- IT MAKES SENSE THAT THE HUSBAND WOULD GIVE THE DOWRY IN THIS CASE AS THE BRIDE IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE KING.

SAUL IS EXPECTING DAVID TO FAIL AT THIS TASK AND BE KILLED. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD COVER UP FOR THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN SAD ABOUT DAVID'S DEATH BUT NOT BLAMED SAUL DIRECTLY. ALSO MICHAL, WHO LOVED DAVID (V. 20, 28) WOULD HAVE BEEN HEARTBROKEN. THIS IS MORE EVIDENCE OF SAUL'S EGO.

V. 27 - DAVID BRINGS BACK 200!

V. 29 - SAUL'S PLAN BACKFIRES. SURELY THE LORD IS WITH DAVID (V. 12, 14, 28)

1 SAMUEL 18:30 - DAVID'S RENOWN