

“Friendship and Jealousy”
1 Samuel 18:1-30
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1 and 2 Samuel are 1 book originally. This is a record of transitions.

Eli – Samuel: Samuel was the last judge (1 Samuel 7:6), a Levite priest (1 Samuel 10:8), and a prophet (1 Samuel 3:20).

Saul – David: Saul is appointed and anointed as king over Israel.
1 Samuel 15 – Saul is rejected by God.
1 Samuel 16 – David is chosen and anointed as the next King.
1 Samuel 17 – David kills Goliath and initially, Saul admires David.

Thought of the Passage: Real Sacrificial Love Stems From Our Relationship With God, If We Are Not Walking With Him, Jealousy And Envy Will Rule Our Life.

Outline:

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| 1) Jonathan’s Friendship | (1 Samuel 18:1-5) |
| 2) Saul’s Envy and Jealousy | (1 Samuel 18:6-9) |
| 3) Saul’s Attacks on David | (1 Samuel 18:10-30) |

1) Jonathan’s Friendship (1 Samuel 18:1-5)

1 Samuel 18:1a Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, - Saul respects and admires David at this point.

1 Samuel 17:55

(1 Samuel 16:19-23) David ministers to Saul with music. Also becomes Saul’s armor bearer; and Saul loves David greatly.

1 Samuel 17:56-58

Bethlehem = **Bet Lehem** House of Bread – Jesus born in Bethlehem. Jesus said, I am the bread of life (John 6:35)

1 Samuel 18:1b ... that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself.

Jonathan: Yehonatan “Yahweh has given” “*God has given*” “*Gift of God*”
... was knit: “*tied with a knot,*” “*melted together*”

1 Samuel 18:2

(1 Samuel 8:10-13) The King will take the best of the best, your sons and daughters.

1 Samuel 14:52 The cost of having a king.

1 Samuel 18:3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

Love cannot survive without a promise (Covenant)

Genuine love always requires a genuine covenant.

1 Corinthians 13 (the love chapter) does not mention the words feeling or emotion.

1 John 3:18

1 Samuel 18:4

1 Samuel 14:6-7 Records a great Victory for Jonathan.

1 Samuel 14:45 So the people rescued Jonathan and he did not die.

Jonathan surrendered his right to the throne, his dreams of being a king, to honor God because Jonathan understood that God's hand was upon David.

Jonathan was in tune with God and with God was doing. **Why can't we do the same?**

Galatians 5:13-15 (Take care of your brother)

On being more like Jonathan: How can I support the ministry?
 How can I support my pastor?
 How can I love my brothers?

1 Samuel 18:5

2) Saul's Envy and Jealousy (1 Samuel 18:6-9)

1 Samuel 18:6

1 Samuel 18:7 "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands." (1 Samuel 21:11, 1 Samuel 19:5)

1 Samuel 18:8a Then Saul became very angry,

Proverbs 27:21 How do you respond to praise?

1 Samuel 18:8b Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"
[Prophetic] The kingdom was never Saul's. It belongs to God.

2 Corinthians 7:10

1 Samuel 18:9

Proverbs 27:4, Romans 13:13-14 Self control

If you start to feel envious of someone or have Jealousy, pray for that person, and for God's plan for their life. Then pray the Lord will change your heart towards that person.

3) Saul's Attacks on David (1 Samuel 18:10-30)

1 Samuel 18:10 Saul Turns against David

1 Samuel 16:13-14 - The evil spirit is mentioned.

Psalms 51:10-12 "...And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me..."

Galatians 5:19-21 (Not the devil's fault.)

1 Samuel 18:10b while David was playing the harp with his hand, as usual;

1 Samuel 16:23

1 Samuel 18:11 (1st time Saul hurls that spear, 2nd time in 1 Samuel 19:10, then Saul tries to murder Jonathan in 1 Samuel 20:33)

1 Samuel 18:12

12 Now Saul was afraid of David, **for the LORD was with him**

1 Samuel 18:13 ...appointed him as his commander of a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

1 Samuel 18:14-15

David was prospering in all his ways for the LORD was with him.

1 Samuel 18:16

Juan 14:23-24

God honors those who honor him. (1 Samuel 2:30)

1 Samuel 18:17 "My hand shall not be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him."

1 Samuel 17:25 Saul had already promised this.

2 Samuel 11:15

David tries to cover up his sin by putting Uriah in harm's way.

1 Samuel 18:18

1 Samuel 18:19 Again, Saul does not keep his word. Something similar happens to Samson in Judges 14:20 when his wife is given to a friend.

1 Samuel 18:20-21

"I will give her to him that she may become a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him."

1 Samuel 10:22-24

22 Then Saul commanded his servants,

1 Samuel 18:25 'The king does not desire any dowry except a hundred foreskins of the Philistines,

Saul was convinced David was foolish enough to try to fulfill the dowry requirement and would dye trying.

But Saul forgets how David sees the philistine enemy: **1 Samuel 17:26b**

1 Samuel 18:26-28 and struck down two hundred men among the Philistines. Then David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king,

1 Samuel 18:29a then Saul was even more afraid of David.

1 Samuel 18:29b Thus Saul was David's enemy continually.

David was very good to Saul. He was loyal to Saul, yet Saul hates him.

Romans 12:17-18

1 Samuel 18:30

Psalms 37:12-15

David did was right in the sight of the Lord and God was with David.

Application:

- 1) Jonathan Was A Great Friend Who Gave Up Everything For God's Glory And God's Plan. How Can I Become A Great Friend?**
- 2) There Is No Room For Jealousy Or Envy In The Heart Of A Christian. Do I Need To Repent And Evict Such Traits From My Heart?**
- 3) Love Is A Decision And A Covenant. Do I Resemble Jonathan, David, or Saul? What Is God Requiring Of Me Today?**