

**"Historical Books Of The Bible"**

**1 Samuel 14:1-52**

**Wednesday May 21, 2014**

**1 Samuel 14:1; 6-15**

**1 Samuel 8-15 – The Reign Of Saul: The transition from Samuel to Saul.**

**1 Samuel 13-15 – God's Rejection of Saul.**

**1 Samuel 13 – The Fall And Rejection Of King Saul.**

**1 Samuel 14 – Jonathan Is The Hero In This Chapter.**

**I will be reading tonight out of the New Living Translation.**

**1. Verses 1-15 – Saul Ignorant Of The Battle**

**2. Verses 16-23 – Saul Watching The Battle**

**3. Verses 24-46 – Saul Hindering The Battle**

**4. Verses 47-52 – Saul And His Victories**

**1. Verses 1-15 – Saul Ignorant Of The Battle:**

1 Samuel 14:1

1 Samuel 13:13-14

Army of Israel was ill-prepared but Saul had the weapons he needed.

1 Samuel 13:22

Verses 1-15 – Jonathan Initiates The Attack.

"armor bearer" – "one carrying weapons"; A person selected by prominent officers to bear their armor, to stand by them in danger, and to carry out their orders.

1 Samuel 14:2

2 Samuel 11:1 – Time for battle – David stayed in Jerusalem.

1 Samuel 14:3

"wearing the ephod" – Garment worn by the priests. It could reveal God's will; Urim and the Thummim, Exodus 28:30; Attached to the breastplate, Exodus 28:15.

1 Samuel 14:4

“Bozez” – “swamp”

“Seneh” – “cliff”

1 Samuel 14:5-6 – The cliff on the north was in front of Micmash, and the one on the south was in front of Geba.

1 Samuel 14:6

“Perhaps the Lord will work for us” – Walking with Jesus by faith.

1 Samuel 14:7

“armor bearer” – What an example of a true servant, and a person trusting God! No challenge or debate but service.

1 Samuel 14:8-15

**God gave a miraculous sign of an earthquake – sign of judgment. There is this panic that this is of God. What a few people can do when they trust God.**

## **2. Verses 16-23 – Saul Watching The Battle:**

1 Samuel 14:16-18

**Why would Saul ask God’s will when the Philistines are losing? The enemy was retreating?**

1 Samuel 14:19

James 1:8

Verses 20-23 – Israel Enters The Battle: 1 Samuel 14:20

Verse 21 – Traitors Return: 1 Samuel 14:21

Verse 22 – AWOL Soldiers Return: 1 Samuel 14:22

1 Samuel 13:6-7

1 Samuel 14:23

### **3. Verses 24-46 – Saul Hindering The Battle:**

1 Samuel 14:24

Saul Hinders With A Foolish Vow: "Israel were pressed to exhaustion that day, because Saul had placed them under an oath,"

Saul Hinders With A Wrong Motive: "before I have full revenge on my enemies." So no one ate anything all day,"

1 Samuel 14:25-28

1 Samuel 14:29 – "My father has made trouble for us all!" Jonathan exclaimed. "A command like that only hurts us."

1 Samuel 14:30-31

Saul Weakened The Army And Led The People Into Sin: 1 Samuel 14:32

Leviticus 17:10-14

1 Samuel 14:33-34

1 Samuel 14:35 – "Then Saul built an altar to the LORD;" – Literally it read "With this stone he began to build." Saul started things but never finished them!

Saul's Foolish Judgment: 1 Samuel 14:36-38

Saul's Second Foolish Oath: 1 Samuel 14:39-44

"you must die! May God strike me and even kill me if you do not die for this." – Pride and arrogance, when confronted by God, will either result in humility or resistance.

1 Samuel 14:45

Verse 46 – Saul Hindering The Battle.

### **4. Verses 47-52 – Saul And His Victories:**

1 Samuel 14:47 – against Moab, Ammon (East), Edom (South), the kings of Zobah (North), and the Philistines (West).

1 Samuel 14:48

Verses 49-51 – Saul's Family: 1 Samuel 14:49-51

1 Samuel 14:52

1 Samuel 8:11

**Application:**

1. Jonathan And His Armor Bearer, By Faith, Initiate An Attack On The Enemy. It Is Wonderful When Christians Can Be Unified And Rally Together, Because Much Can Be Accomplished. Here We See, In Spite Of A Unified Army, What Two Committed Men Trusting God Can Do!
2. One Of The Marks Of A True Leader Is Knowing When To Act, And Saul Had Wasted Time Watching The Battle From A Distance And Failing To Seek The Mind Of The Lord.
3. Saul Hindered The Battle For Israel In Several Ways. He Did So Because Of Pride, Not Seeking God And Placing Undue Burdens On His Soldiers; Saul's Pursuit Of Revenge On His Enemies And Not God's Enemies, For God's Glory.