

10 – SAUL’S JEALOUSY (1 SAMUEL 18:1-20:42)

I. The National Hero (1 Samuel 18:1-7)

A. Jonathan and David Bond (18:1-4)

- The writer records that from the very beginning, Jonathan bonded with David.
- Jonathan honored David with his robe, armor and weapons.

B. David Becomes Popular (18:5-7)

- David excelled as a warrior and became a commander in Saul’s army.
- The people began to praise David in song as Saul returned from battle.

II. Saul’s Rage (1 Samuel 18:8-30)

A. His Reaction (18:8-16)

- Saul became angry at the song and questioned if David wanted the kingdom.
- As Saul was tormented by a spirit, he sought to kill David with a spear.
- David escaped Saul’s attempts twice and Saul became afraid of him.
- David was then made a commander over a thousand men to be away from Saul.
- David behaved wisely and Saul began to fear David even more as the nation loved him.

B. The Price for Michal (18:17-30)

- David declined to marry Saul’s older daughter.
- Because Michal loved David, he sought to weaken David with her hand in marriage.
- Again, David pointed out that she was not worthy, and Saul proposed a price.
- Saul proposed a price of 100 Philistine body parts thinking it would lead to David’s death.
- David killed 200 Philistines in fulfillment of the price and Michal was given to him as wife.
- Saul became more afraid of David as David’s popularity grew with the people.

III. David Flees (1 Samuel 19:1-24)

A. Jonathan Intercedes (19:1-7)

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- Saul told Jonathan and his servants to kill David.
- Jonathan informed David and told him to hide in a secret place.
- Jonathan appealed to his father to not kill David and Saul relented.
- Jonathan then brought David back into Saul's presence as in times past.

B. Saul Seeks to Kill David (19:8-17)

- Once again David did well in his battles against the Philistines.
- Saul, tormented by a spirit, tries to kill David again with a spear.
- Because David fled from his presence, Saul sent servants to watch his house to kill him.
- Michal help David escape and later told her father that David threatened her.

C. David Flees to Ramah (19:18-24)

- David fled to Samuel in Ramah and told him everything that Saul had done to him.
- Saul, hearing that David was there, sent messengers to take David.
- But when the messengers saw Samuel with a group of prophets, the Spirit came upon them.
- When Saul was told what happened, he sent more messengers a second and third time.
- Saul went to Ramah himself, and the Spirit came upon Saul.
- He stripped off his clothes and lay naked before Samuel, prophesying all day and night.

IV. Jonathan (1 Samuel 20:1-42)

A. The Covenant (20:1-23)

- David went to Jonathan and asked what he had done to cause Saul to want him dead.
- Jonathan stated that he would feel Saul out concerning his intentions with David.
- Jonathan made a covenant that David would not stop showing kindness to his house.
- Jonathan explains his plan about approaching Saul concerning David.
- He also told David how he would get the news about that meeting to David.

B. Saul's Anger (20:24-42)

- At time of the feast, Saul inquired as why David was not present for two days.

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- Jonathan explained that David had asked to go to his family in Bethlehem.
- Saul became angry, cursed Jonathan and commanded that David be executed.
- Jonathan questioned why and Saul threw a spear at him.
- Jonathan left the feast angry and went to meet David.
- Jonathan told David to go and peace and reminded him of their covenant.