

21. Saul's Jealousy and Jonathan's Love

Quotes: "A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones."

Proverbs 14:30

AND

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;"

Romans 12:10

Verse By Verse Marking

1 Samuel 18:1 - **"knit"** - means "to bind together" See Gen 44:30; Neh 4:6. They were joined together by their likemindedness.

Likemindedness - A Sound Basis for Friendship (Amos 3:3)

Their approach to life was the same, despite their age difference (Rom 15:5; Phil 2:2)

Jonathan (1 Samuel 14)	David (1 Samuel 17)
v6 - Not afraid to confront the enemy	v26,32 - Not afraid to confront the enemy
v6 - "these uncircumcised" (Philistines)	v26 - "this uncircumcised Philistine"
v6 - "There is no restraint to Yahweh to save by many or by few"	v47 - "Yahweh saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is Yahweh's"
v12 - "Yahweh hath delivered them into the hand of Israel"	v46 - "This day will Yahweh deliver thee into mine hand..."
v13 - faithful action under pressure, blessed by Yahweh	vv48-49 - faithful action under pressure, blessed by Yahweh

"Jonathan loved him as his own soul" - Stated 3 times (18:1,3; 20:17). Always initiated by Jonathan, despite it becoming clear that David would take the throne. See 1 Sam 15:28 and compare Lev 19:18 David was that neighbour.

1 Samuel 18:2 - **"would let him go no more home"** - David had distinguished himself on the field of battle and Saul wanted him in his army (cp 1 Sam 14:52; 8:11).

1 Samuel 18:3 - **"made a covenant"** - the first of 3 covenants initiated by Jonathan (see also ch 20:16; 23:18).

1 Samuel 18:4 - **"robe"** - A princely robe. Denoted the wearers royal rank. In giving these things to David he signified his resignation of the throne and acknowledged David as Saul's rightful successor (cp Saul - ch 20:31).

"garments" - Same as "armour" (1 Sam 17:38-39).

"sword" - There were few like it in Israel (1 Sam 13:22).

"bow" - Jonathan noted for his use of this (2 Sam 1:22)

"girdle" - A military girdle. A prized item (2 Sam 18:11).

Colouring - I Samuel 18

Use **RED** to colour the attitude and actions of Saul in 1 Samuel 18:

v8 "very wrath", "displeased" + margin ("was evil in his eyes").

v9 "eyed David"

v11 "cast the javelin"

v12 "Saul was afraid of David"

v15 "he was afraid of him"

v17 "Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him"

v25 "Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines"

v29 "Saul was yet the more afraid of David;

and Saul became David's enemy continually"

Use a **blue** to colour the divine comments on the actions of David at the same time:

v5 "behaved himself wisely"

v14 "behaved himself wisely"

v15 "behaved himself very wisely"

v30 "behaved himself more wisely than all the servants"

Then use yellow to highlight Yahweh at work:

v12 "Yahweh was with him"

v14 "Yahweh was with him"

v28 "Yahweh was with David"

Colouring - I Samuel 19

Use **RED** to colour Saul's continued attempts to use others to slay David before finally going himself:

v11 "Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning"

v14 "Saul sent messengers to take David"

v15 "Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him"

v20 "Saul sent messengers to take David"

v21 "he sent other messengers", "sent messengers again"

v22 "went he also"

Then use **YELLOW** to colour How David fled and escaped:

v10 "David fled and escaped"

v12 "fled and escaped"

v18 "David fled and escaped"

ch20:1 "David fled"