

THRU BIBLE

1 Samuel 18–19 | “Saul’s Jealousy of David”

I. SAUL TRIES TO KILL DAVID: (18)

A. (v. 1)

1. **“And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.”**

a. *“was knit with the soul”*

1) This speaks of an inseparable union between these two friends.

a) **NOTE:** There are those perverted minds that think this speaks of a homosexual relationship! That is blasphemous! There is nothing in the Text that even remotely suggests such an immoral, unnatural relationship between these men.

b) **KEY:** Godly men can share a deep love and affection that has nothing to do with sexual desires whatsoever!

c) This same phrase is used of Jacob and his love for his son Benjamin. It was said of Jacob that his life was *“bound up in the lad’s life.”* ([Genesis 44:30](#))

i. Nobody would ever suggest that Jacob had a sexual relationship with his son Benjamin! This speaks of a deep, familial, friendship love!

2) There was a lot in common with Jonathan and David.

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- a) Both men had faith in a big God and were men of action!
 - i. Jonathan was willing to take on the whole Philistine army years earlier in his venture of faith (1 Sam. 14).
 - ii. David took on Goliath and the whole Philistine army (1 Sam. 17).

b. *“Jonathan loved him as his own soul”*

- 1) Jonathan is around 30 years older than David, and yet these two men are drawn with such a strong connection.
- 2) It is so rare to have a friend this loyal.
 - a) Cf. **Proverbs 18:24** - *“A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.”*

B. (v. 2)

1. ***“And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.”***

- a. David was DRAFTED into the military in service to the king, and he would never be just a shepherd boy again! Instead, God is raising him up as a shepherd of His people.

C. (v. 4)

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1. “And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.”

a. “robe” = Military dress

- 1) This is not regular clothing, but military dress.
- 2) Since Jonathan is the heir apparent, this is a public honor.
- 3) Jonathan, who is the crown prince, is acknowledging publicly that God’s hand is upon David and that David should be the next king!

D. (v. 6-7)

1. “And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.”

a. “women came out of all cities in Israel, singing”

- 1) This song is #1 on the charts! You must be popular if the girls in *all cities of Israel* are singing this hit!

BY SPEAR: (V. 10-16)

E. (v. 10)

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1. “And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house:...”

a. “*prophesied*” - Heb. “raved”

1) This does not mean that Saul was speaking from the Lord at all, but was just babbling in an excited state.

2) No doubt, Saul was having a spiritual experience, but it was not from the Spirit of God because the Spirit had already departed from Saul ([1 Sam. 16:14](#)).

a) **KEY:** The Apostle Paul warned the Christians at Corinth to be aware of “*another Spirit*” and “*another Jesus*” that people might bring ([2 Cor. 11:4](#)).

i. When you see people “slain in the spirit”, writhing on the floor, or uncontrollably laughing or shaking, just know that it is not the Holy Spirit of God.

a. At best, it is just an emotional expression of the flesh.

b. At worst, there is “another spirit” (i.e. demon) involved with that experience.

BY THE PHILISTINES: (v. 17-30)

F. (v. 17)

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1. **“And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.”**
 - a. Saul was supposed to give his daughter to David in marriage because that was part of the reward for killing Goliath (1 Sam. 17:25). It should have already been a done deal, but Saul adds another condition - “be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles.”
 - b. Saul wanted to add this stipulation because he was hoping that David would be killed in battle by the Philistines so that he wouldn't have to kill David himself.
 - 1) Sadly, this very thing that Saul wants to do to David, David himself will do to Uriah, the husband of Bathsheba (2 Sam. 11).

G. (v. 19)

1. **“But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.”**
 - a. Here we see the inconsistency within Saul. He wanted to kill his own son to keep his vow (1 Sam. 14:39, 45), yet he breaks his own vow here to David.
 - b. “Adriel the Meholathite”
 - 1) “Adriel” - Heb. “My God is Help”

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- 2) “Meholathite” = a person of *Abel-Mecholah*
 - a) Cf. [Judges 7:22](#); [1 Kings 4:12](#); [19:16](#)

H. (v. 23)

1. “...seeing that I am a poor man...”

- a. David’s great-grandfather Boaz was a “*might man of wealth*” ([Ruth 2:1](#)).

II. SAUL STILL TRYING TO KILL DAVID. (19)

BY HIS SERVANTS: (v. 1-7)

A. (v. 18)

1. “*So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.*”

- a. “*David fled*”
 - 1) This begins the flights of David, which will last for about the next 10 years.

B. (v. 20)

1. “*And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.*”

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- a. *“and they also prophesied”*
 - 1) *“prophesied”* - Heb. *“ecstatic state of speaking or singing”*
 - a) In this context, this is not a blessing. This is a judgement.
 - i. It means that they fell into a trance or ecstatic state which immobilized them and made them incapable of accomplishing their evil intentions of harming David.

BY SPEAR: (v. 8-10)

BY HIS MESSENGERS: (v. 11-17)