

Jonathan: A Shadow of Jesus

1 Samuel 13:2: Saul chose for himself three thousand men of Israel. **Two thousand were with Saul** in Michmash and in the mountains of Bethel, and **a thousand were with Jonathan** in Gibeah of Benjamin.

1 Samuel 13:3: And Jonathan attacked the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. Then Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!"

1 Samuel 13:13-14: "You have done foolishly... now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart.

1 Samuel 14:6: Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; **it may be that the Lord will work for us.** For nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few."

1 Samuel 14:10: But if they say thus, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up. For the Lord has delivered them into our hand, and this will be a sign to us."

1 Samuel 14:15: And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and the raiders also trembled; and the earth quaked, so that it was a very great trembling...

1 Samuel 14:17: Then Saul... called the roll, and surprisingly, Jonathan and his armor-bearer were not there.

1 Samuel 14:24: "Cursed is the man who eats any food until evening, before I have taken vengeance on my enemies."

1 Samuel 18:3-4: Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt.

1 Samuel 13:14: But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people.

Are we more concerned with our own success or with discerning and yielding to what will serve God's purposes and give Him the most glory?

1 Samuel 20:1: ...“What have I done? What is my iniquity, and what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?”

1 Samuel 20:4: So Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you yourself desire, I will do it for you.”

1 Samuel 20:8: Therefore you shall deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the Lord with you. Nevertheless, if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?”

1 Samuel 20:16-17: So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “Let the Lord require it at the hand of David’s enemies.” Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

1 Samuel 20:23: And as for the matter which you and I have spoken of, indeed the Lord be between you and me forever.”

1 Samuel 20:34: So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, because his father had treated him shamefully.

1 Samuel 20:42: Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, since we have both sworn in the name of the Lord, saying, 'May the Lord be between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants, forever.'" So he arose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.

John 3:30: "He must increase, but I must decrease"

1 Samuel 23:17: Then Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David in the woods and strengthened his hand in God. And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you."

Self-Denying Ruler

Jonathan gave up his rightful inheritance as crown prince by stripping himself of his robe, armor, sword, and belt and giving them to David. (1 Sam. 18:4)

Jesus temporarily laid aside His throne being fully God, humbled Himself to become a man, died for us, and shares His rightful inheritance with all who believe

John 1:14: And the **Word became flesh and dwelt among us...**

Philippians 2:7-8: (Jesus) **emptied himself**, by taking the form of a **servant**, being **born in the likeness of men**. And being found in human form, he **humbled himself** by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Romans 8:17: And if children, then heirs—**heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Mediator and Advocate

Jonathan repeatedly pleaded for David's life against his father's unjust wrath (1 Sam. 19:4–5; 20:32–33)

Jesus is the only Mediator between God and man, our forever Advocate against justified wrath. He gave His life as a ransom so that we might have eternal life.

1 Timothy 2:5: For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

1 John 2:1-2: And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Hebrews 7:25: Therefore, He is able also to save forever (completely, perfectly, for eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to intercede and intervene on their behalf [with God].

Covenant-making, Covenant-keeping friend and encourager

Jonathan loved David "as his own soul," sealed that love through covenant, kept it until death, and repeatedly encouraged him in the Lord (1 Sam. 18:3–4; 20:16–17; 20:42; 23:16–18)

Jesus established a new covenant through His blood. As God, He keeps His Word and is a true friendship—full of truth and grace—even when we were once hostile toward Him.

Hebrews 9:15: ...He is the **Mediator and Negotiator of a new covenant** (reuniting God and man), so that those who have been called may receive the promised eternal inheritance...

Deuteronomy 7:9: Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the **faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy** for a thousand generations...

Revelation 19:11: (Jesus is) called **Faithful and True**...

Matthew 11:19: (Jesus is called) “**friend of tax collectors and sinners**”

2 Thessalonians 2:16: ...(Jesus) has loved us and given us everlasting consolation...