

# ***“Lessons from the Life of David” – Pastor Jim Ruddy***

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## **Study # 26 – 2 Samuel 6:16, 20-23 – Michal, Saul’s Daughter**

### **I. THE SELFLESS CELEBRATION OF DAVID**

- After readying a place for the Ark to reside in Jerusalem and preparing a priestly people to shoulder the responsibility of bearing the Ark, David leads the joyful procession to Zion.
  - cf. 2 Sam. 6:12-15; 1 Chr. 15:1-2, 11-13, 25-29
- Now that David was certain that he was in alignment with God’s “*proper order*,” he abandoned himself to worship without fear.
  - cf. 1 Chr. 15:11-13, 25-29
- David’s worship may have been *displayed before* the people, but it was *directed to* the LORD alone. v21

### **II. THE FAITHLESS REJECTION OF MICHAL**

- Only one cloud hung over the glad procession that day. Peering through the window, with hell in her heart, Michal despises the attitude and actions of David, her husband-king. cf. 1 Chr. 15:29
- Like her father, Michal had no regard for God’s Presence. cf. 1 Chr. 13:3

#### **A. MICHAL’S HEART FOR DAVID THE WARRIOR**

- Michal, the youngest daughter of Saul, initially had no problem loving David, Israel’s celebrated champion! cf. 1 Sam. 14:49; 18:6-7, 20-29
- No mention is made of Michal’s love for the LORD or her respect of His ways. She was far more “*Saul’s daughter*” than she was “*David’s wife*.” She manifested her father’s disposition instead of her husband’s heart!
  - cf. 1 Sam. 18:20, 28; 2 Sam. 3:13; 6:16, 20, 23; 1 Chr. 15:29
- Never were a husband and wife more unequally yoked than David, a man after God’s own heart, and Michal, the daughter of Saul.
  - cf. 2 Cor. 6:14

#### **B. MICHAL’S HELP FOR DAVID THE FUGITIVE**

- Following their marriage, Michal helped David escape her father’s plan to put him to death. However, once he was gone she accused David of threatening to take her life. cf. 1 Sam. 19:11-17
- Note Michal’s affinity for idols of divination. cf. 1 Sam. 19:13, 16

#### **C. MICHAL’S HAND FOR DAVID THE RULER**

- During David’s fugitive years, Saul gave Michal to a fellow Benjamite, Palti (Paltiel 2 Sam. 3:15) from Gallim. cf. 1 Sam. 25:44
- Following Saul’s death, David’s ascended the throne and demanded that Michal be restored to him. cf. 2 Sam 3:13-14
- In spite of Phalti’s tearful appeal, Michal is brought to King David. While David gains her hand, he never gains her heart.
  - cf. Notice, Michal has no tears for Phalti. cf. 2 Sam. 3:15-16

## **D. MICHAL'S HATRED FOR DAVID THE WORSHIPPER**

### **1. David's Dance and Michal's Disdain**

- In the closing scene between Michael and David, her full scorn and disdain for David are revealed.
- David worshipped his LORD *with all his might*, (2 Sam. 6:14), while Michal despised her husband *with all her heart* (2 Sam. 6:16).
  - Michal does not in the least resemble Miriam. cf. Ex. 15:20-21
- As David returned to bless his own household, he was met by his wife's sarcastic criticism of his "*undignified*" behavior.
- Like her father, Michal had no appreciation for the things of God.
  - What caused David's heart *to sing* caused Michal's heart *to sour*.

### **2. David's Humility and Michal's Hatred**

- David's intention was not to behave inappropriately before man, but to express his genuine humility before God.
  - You must be a David yourself to understand David's heart.
- Michal rebukes David for "*uncovering himself!*" That is, he stripped off the royal robes of his kingship that set him apart from the rest of the people, and so in Michal's eyes, he lowered and devalued the office of the King in the eyes of the people. cf. 1 Sam. 15:12
  - Note: Her pride had been insulted!
- Michal had no love for David, the man of God. Instead her attraction was to David, the hero-king. cf. 1 Cor. 2:14
- The narrow-minded, carnal, critical observer always has something to say against those who open their hearts in humble worship and adoration. cf. Jn. 12:1-7; Lu. 7:36-50

### **3. David's Fragrance and Michal's Stench**

- Resenting her reproach, David made it clear that he was not ashamed of what he had done, but in fact, Michal should expect even greater expressions of exuberant worship.
  - "*I will be even more undignified than this!*" 2 Sam. 6:22
- David's intended blessing upon his own house is nullified by Michal's criticism of her husband. cf. Mt. 9:29, 10:41; Heb. 11:6
- While the blessing of God upon the house of Obed-Edom resulted in a great number of decedents, Michal remained childless to the day of her death. cf. 1 Chr. 26:4-8
- Barrenness, which results from a lack of intimacy, is the destiny of any person who is cynical and critical toward God or His people.
  - cf. Jn. 15:1-6; Gal. 5:22-26; Rom. 14:4
- David declares that he would find among the poorest and most despised of God's people that which his own wife denied him at home – the joy of worshipping God!