

JONATHAN'S WONDERFUL FRIENDSHIP

1 Samuel 18:1-20:42

Key Verse: 20:42a

* DAVID WAS LOVED BY ALL HIS PEOPLE

1. In chapter 18, find the references to those who loved David. (1,3,16,20,28; 13:14) How did Jonathan first show his love for David? (18:3,4) Why did everyone seem to love David? (17:36,37; 17:57-18:1;18:5,16)

* SAUL'S JEALOUSY OF DAVID (18:1-19:24)

2. What did Saul think of David at first? (16:21-22; 18:5) What sparked Saul's jealousy? (18:7-9) What was the cause of his jealousy? (16:14) What did he do? (18:10,11) What can we learn from this?
3. Why was Saul afraid of David? (12, 28-29) How did he plot his destruction? How did his plots backfire? (12-30)
4. When Saul directly ordered David killed, how did Jonathan defend and protect him? With what result? (19:1-7) Why could Saul not control himself? What did he do? (6-10)
5. How did Michal help David escape? How and why did she renege? (11-17)
6. To whom did David go when he fled from Saul? Why? What happened to the people who came to arrest him while he was there? Why? What do these events tell us about Saul? About the seriousness of jealousy?

* JONATHAN KEEPS HIS COVENANT OF FRIENDSHIP (20:1-42)

7. After seeking Samuel's spiritual help, where did David go for help in resolving his problem with Saul? What does this show about him?
8. Who was Jonathan and what did he stand to lose by helping David? What was his response to David's plea for help? (21:1-4) How could he have such an attitude? (14:6)
9. What did David ask Jonathan to do for him? (5-10) What did Jonathan promise David? (11-13) What was the content of their covenant? (14-17) Why? How was Jonathan to inform David of Saul's intentions?
10. What did Jonathan learn about his father's intentions toward David? When he tried to defend David, what happened? Describe their parting. (35-42) How could Jonathan and David have such a beautiful friendship?