

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Do you think Saul was aware of the close relationship between David and Jonathan?
2. Did Jonathan justify his father's conduct toward David?
3. Explain the difference between friendship with the brotherhood and friendship with those in the world?
4. What was so unusual about David and Jonathan's relationship?
5. What plan did David suggest to prove Saul's attitude?

SUMMARY:

The relationship that existed between Jonathan and David was that of a true friendship. Each sought ways in which they could serve the other. There was no desire for self-gratification or jealousy for the success or position of the other. This sort of friendship is not the norm in our world today. Neither was it common in the times they lived. If we examine the source of their oneness, we shall see in the center of their lives a common ruling force—the living God.

Today also, God would have man serve his Creator and his fellow man, but man is normally selfish with a selfishness that begins with the crying baby. Our desire for what pleases us soon comes to the surface as a child and though sometimes hidden in adulthood, is never far from us. It is for this reason that God must work a literal revolution within us. [\[SoF:8\]](#) Things that once we loved, we hate; and things we once hated we must love. That is, if we have accepted His provisions for us and have been converted. [\[SoF:9\]](#)

NOTES:

[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. [\[SoF:9\]](#) We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

July 23, 2023

Third Quarter

JONATHAN'S FRIENDSHIP TO DAVID

LESSON TEXT: *1 Samuel 20:1-17*

LESSON SETTING: After King Saul's third attempt to kill him, David leaves his wife and flees from the king.

TIME: Approximately 1062 B.C.

- I. THE EARNESTNESS OF FRIENDSHIP.** 1 Samuel 20:1-4
 - A. A Close Tie (vs. 1-2) 1 Timothy 1:2
 - B. Care for a Friend (vs. 4) Acts 9:27; Philippians 4:18
- II. THE DEPENDABILITY OF FRIENDSHIP.** 1 Samuel 20:5-13
 - A. David Asks a Favor (vs. 8)
 - B. Jonathan Commits Himself (vs. 12-13)
- III. THE COVENANT OF FRIENDSHIP.** 1 Samuel 20:14-17
 - A. Loving Kindness for Each Other (vs. 15) Romans 12:10; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12
 - B. A Promise Made (vs. 16-17) 1 Samuel 18:3; James 2:5; 2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 2:25
 - C. Brotherly Love (vs. 17) John 13:35; 15:12; 1 Thessalonians 3:12

GOLDEN TEXT: *THERE IS A FRIEND THAT STICKETH CLOSER THAN A BROTHER.*

Proverbs 18:24

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Samuel 21:1-15; 22:1-2; Psalm 37:1-11

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 34:1-22; 63:1-11

QUARTERLY THEME: Early Life of David

TOPIC: DAVID FLEES FROM SAUL

INTRODUCTION:

From the very day that the people cheered David for his victory in battle against the Philistines, Saul eyed David for a chance to slay him. He was afraid of David because the Lord was with David but had departed from him, Saul.

After David had a secret meeting with Jonathan and knew for certain that Saul was seeking his life, David was forced to flee from Saul. Yet in all that Saul had done to him, David kept a love and respect for "the Lord's anointed." David had trust and faith believing that God's power was almighty and that His will was just and sure.

David fled from Saul and finally ended his flight in a cave by himself. As soon as his brethren heard where he was, they came to him, and David became their captain.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Jonathan is a picture of that greater Friend who loved us and gave Himself for us.

GOLDEN TEXT: *COMMIT THY WAY UNTO THE LORD: TRUST ALSO IN HIM; AND HE SHALL BRING IT TO PASS.* Psalm 37:5

David had faith in the power of God and knew that He would give him victory over his enemies. "For they shall soon be cut down like grass and wither as the green herb." (Psalm 37:2) David also believed in and learned patience, "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him." (Psalm 37:7) Consider the peace and joy we might enjoy in our life if we could do likewise. "To cease from anger, and forsake wrath." (Psalm 37:8) How much of life is wasted on these time-, heart- and soul-consumers? Simply trust, lean on, and be confident in the Lord and He who loves us and knows our needs "shall bring it to pass". (Psalm 37:5)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 24 – 30

- Mon. *David Flees from Saul. 1 Samuel 21:1-15
- Tue. *David Finds a Place of Safety. 1 Samuel 22:1-5
- Wed. David Helps His People. 1 Samuel 23:1-15
- Thu. David Escapes from Saul. 1 Samuel 23:16-29
- Fri. Praising Though Persecuted. Psalm 34:1-10
- Sat. The Assurance of the Righteous. Psalm 34:11-22
- Sun. *The Importance of Trusting God. Psalm 37:1-11

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