

A Shepherd, Servant, Servant Leader, and a Psalmist**Part Two****(1st Samuel 18-31)****1st Samuel 18:1-30**

After David defeated Goliath, David's fame continued to grow in Jerusalem. King Saul became very jealous of young David because the women in the camp began chanting, "And the women answered one another as they played, and said Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." 1st (Samuel 18:7). King Saul's son, Jonathan, and David became loyal friends; but the king tried to kill David on many occasions. In 1st Samuel 18, we receive the opportunity to take a closer look at some of the interpersonal relationships David had with King Saul, Jonathan, and Michal. Michal was King Saul's daughter and David's first wife.

The major lesson we learn from 1st Samuel 18-19 is how to deal with difficult people.

Questions, Answers, and Discussions

- A. Describe the relationship between David, King Saul, and Jonathan. (1-4).
- B. How is it possible to love someone as you love yourself, and what a covenant? (3).
- C. What caused King Saul to promote David? Describe David's conduct. (V5).
- D. What causes jealousy to turn into hatred? (V7).
- E. How does praise test us, how did King Saul handle the people praising David? (vvs 8-9)
- F. Why was King Saul angry, and what was his greatest fear? (V8).
- G. How does envy and suspicion affect relationships? (V9).
- H. What was David's goal, and what was King Saul's goal? (Vvs10-11).
- I. Why was King Saul attempting to kill David, and how did David respond? (V11).
- J. Why was God no longer with King Saul, but was with David? (12).
- K. David is no longer King Saul's personal assistant, but why is David still being promoted? (Vvs 13-14)
- L. How does proper Christian conduct affect those around us? (Vvs. 15-16).
- M. What was King Saul's strategy in giving David his oldest daughter as a wife? (V17).
- N. When David didn't marry King Saul's oldest daughter what caused the king to give David Michal??? (18-21)
- O. Describe King Saul's plot to have David killed. (22-25).
- P. Why was David successful when King Saul was attempting to destroy him? (26-30)

Jonathan and Michal warned David of their father's murderous intent, and David spent the next years of his life fleeing from the king. David wrote several songs during this time including: Psalms 57, 59, and 142.

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Discussion

1. What does this lesson teach you about effectively dealing with difficult people?
2. Why must we be careful about the adulation or praise people give to us?
3. Why was David successful in his interpersonal relationships with King Saul, Jonathan, and Michal?

1st Samuel 19: 1-24

Although King Saul never stopped pursuing David with the intent to kill him, David never lifted his hand against the king because David declared that the king was God's anointed. God placed some individuals in David's life to protect and shield him from the attacks of the king. 1st Samuel 19 describes those persons and how they helped David.

The major lesson we learn from this chapter is God's protection over our lives.

Questions, Answers, and Discussions.

- A. How did Jonathan protect David? (1-7)
- B. How did Michal protect David? (11-17)
- C. How did Samuel protect David? (18-19)

Lesson: Explain how God uses people to protect His beloved?

1st Samuel 20–24: David seek refuge from King Saul.

In these chapters we find David as a fugitive on the run from King Saul. However, the Lord continues to bless David; and David has the opportunity to kill King Saul but he decides to spare the king's life.

The major lessons from these chapters are God's providential care for His children, and how we should respond when God gives us the upper hand over our enemies.

Identify the places David hid himself from King Saul. **(20:1; 21:1; 22:1; 24:1)**

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- A. Describe how fearful David was for his life. (20:3)

- B. What kind of bread did David eat, and was it illegal for him to eat this bread? (21:1-6; Mark 2:25-26)
- C. Why did David pretend to be a mad man? (21:12-15)
- D. What happened to David in the cave of Adullam? (22:1-2)
- E. What did David do for his parents in Mizpeh of Moab? (22:3-4)
- F. How did Ahimelech defend David, and what was King Saul's response? (22:14-18)
- G. While on the run from King Saul, God commissions David to save Israel from the Philistines once again, but what was King Saul's response? (23:1-8)
- H. Why would God allow David to go through this trouble in his life? (23:11-13)
- I. Describe the faithfulness of God? (23:14-16)
- J. What happened in Engedi to cause David remorse for his actions? (24:1-6)
- K. Why didn't David kill King Saul when he had the opportunity? (24:8-12)
- L. How did King Saul respond to David's kindness? (24:16-22)

1st Samuel 25-31

Overview of 1st Samuel 25-31

- The death of Samuel. (25:1)
- Nabal, Abigail, and David. (25:2-42)
- David marries Abigail and Ahinoam. (25:42-44)
- David spares King Saul's life a second time. (26:3-12, 17-21;25)
- David flees again, and King Saul pursues him again. (27:1-4)
- David at Ziklag. (30)
- The death of King Saul, Jonathan, and the king's sons. (31)

1st Samuel 25: 1-44 (Samuel dies and David marries Abigail)

- A. Was Samuel a prophet or a judge of Israel?
- B. Which of the following did Samuel **NOT** do for David?
 - i. Samuel anointed David as king of Israel.
 - ii. Samuel was a mentor for David.
 - iii. Samuel gave David a wife.
 - iv. Samuel protected David.
- C. Who was Nabal and Abigail? (3)
- D. What caused the controversy between Nabal and David? (9-14)
- E. How did Abigail resolve the conflict? (18-28)
- F. Describe Abigail's wisdom. (28-35)
- G. What caused Nabal's death? (36-38)

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H. David marries Abigail. (39-44)

Identify at least 3 life lessons from this chapter:

1st Samuel 26-27 (David spares Saul's life again, and finds refuge in Philistine)

- A. What events led to David to find King Saul asleep? (26:1-7)
- B. Why didn't David kill King Saul when he had the opportunity? (26:8-12)
- C. What did David take from King Saul, and why? (26:12)
- D. What accusation did David charge to Abner? (26:13-16)
- E. How did King Saul respond to David's mercy toward him? (26:17-21)
- F. Why did David return King Saul's spear? (26:22)
- G. Why did David remain faithful to King Saul? (26:23-24)
- H. Why did King Saul speak highly of David? (26:25)
- I. Did David believe that King Saul would kill him, and what did he decide to do? (27:1)
- J. Why was the land of Ziklag given to David? (27:5-6)
- K. How long did David live among the Philistines? (27:7)
- L. Describe how violent a warrior David was, and his relationship with Achish? (27:9-12)

After studying these chapters, what changes will you make in your interpersonal relationship?

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- 2.
- 3.

1st Samuel 30: 1-31 The battle at Ziklag.

- A. What happened at Ziklag? (1-3)
- B. How did David and his warriors respond? (4)
- C. How was David personally effected by the events at Ziklag? (5-6)
- D. After David encouraged himself in the Lord, what did he do next? (7-8)
- E. Why is it so important to treat all people properly? (11-15; 21-25))
- F. Did David recover all he had lost in Ziklag? (16-20)

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G. Why did David send some of the spoils of war to the elders of Judah? (26-31)

Identify the life lessons you were able to glean from this chapter.

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1st Samuel 31:1-13: The death of King Saul and Jonathan.

- A. How did Jonathan and his brother die? (1-2)
- B. Describe King Saul's death. (3-6)
- C. What did the Philistine's do to King Saul's body? (8-10)
- D. Did King Saul and his sons have a proper burial? (11-13)

List the lessons from this chapter.

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