

“Love Vs. Jealousy” (1 Sam 18)

(A Biblical Game of Thrones: From Saul to Solomon – Lesson #14)

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Introduction

1. How do you react if something nice happens to someone else instead of you?
2. How do you react if a younger, less experienced coworker gets promoted instead of you?
3. How do you react if a younger, less experienced coworker gets your job? This is what happened to King Saul.

I. Jonathan’s Friendship Love Was _____ (vv. 1-4)

1. Jonathan immediately became friends with David (v. 1).
2. Jonathan’s friendship love with David was loyal, heartfelt, & selfless.
3. Jonathan made a _____ with David (v. 3).
 - A. Since a marriage is a covenant, the wedding ceremony contains several of the following elements of cutting a covenant.
 - B. David & Jonathan:
 1. They exchanged robes.
 - It symbolized taking on the other person’s _____.
 2. They exchanged armor & weapons.
 - It symbolized taking on the other person’s _____.
 3. They exchanged belts (holds armor together).
 - It symbolized being _____ for each other.
 4. They walked through sacrificed animals cut in half.
 - It symbolized keeping the covenant—or else!
 5. They mingled their _____.
 - It symbolized the strength of the covenant.
 6. They ate a meal together, exchanged names, & called each other “friend.”
 - This sealed the covenant.

II. God Prospered David (vv. 5-7).

1. David commanded troops and was victorious in battle.
2. The _____ were pleased with him.
3. Saul’s servants were pleased with him.

III. Saul’s _____ Was Ungodly (vv. 8-30).

1. Jealousy and envy are two sides of _____.
 A. Jealousy – fear of _____ something/someone.
 B. Envy – desire to have something someone else has but you do not.
2. Saul had four _____ of his jealousy.
 A. #1 – He was angry about David’s _____ victories (v. 8).
 B. #2 – He twice thrust his spear at David but missed _____ (vv. 10-11).
 C. #3 – He put David on the _____ line because he was afraid of David (vv. 12-15).
 D. #4 – Saul set a deadly _____ (vv. 16-30).
 1. He did not give his oldest daughter, Merab, to David (vv. 17-19).
 2. He set the dowry for Michal at 100 Philistine foreskins—hoping they would kill David.
 3. David successfully paid _____ the dowry (v. 27).

IV. Application

1. Be _____ (Phil. 4:11-12).
2. See where God is working, and _____ this work (Henry Blackaby, *Experiencing God*).
3. God _____ those who faithfully serve Him.
4. _____ can stop God’s plan.

Next Week (May 19): “Hang in There” (1 Sam. 18-19)

Next Week (May 26): “A Friend and a Foe” (1 Sam. 20-22)

Next Week (June 2): “Too Close for Comfort” (1 Sam. 23-24)