

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

David and Jonathan

- Jonathan heard David's testimony before Saul [1 Sam 18:1].
 - He observed David's faith in the Lord.
 - He respected David's humility.
 - His soul was knit to the soul of David.
 - ✦ Knit: קָשָׁר (qashar) – bind, join together.
 - ✦ This word also speaks of Jacob's soul being bound to Benjamin [Gen 44:30].
 - Jonathan loved David with sacrificial, integrity love – אָהֵב ('ahev).
 - ✦ We know this as ἀγάπη (agapē) love in the N.T.
 - ✦ A father toward his son [Gen 22:2].
 - ✦ Parents toward their children [Gen 25:28].
 - ✦ Man toward God [Ex 20:6].
 - ✦ Man toward his neighbor [Lev 19:18].
 - ✦ A king toward his servant [1 Sam 16:21].
- Jonathan was Saul's oldest son [1 Sam 14:49].
 - He first appears in Scripture as the leader of 1,000 men under Saul [1 Sam 13:2].
 - He had victories over the Philistines because of his faith [1 Sam 13:3; 1 Sam 14:1-15].
 - He was a man of integrity and was willing to die for violating a foolish oath that his father had made [1 Sam 14:24-30; 36-46].
- Jonathan took David to be a permanent part of Saul's house [1 Sam 18:2].
- Jonathan then entered into a covenant with David [1 Sam 18:3-4].
 - Jonathan and David would enter into additional covenants [1 Sam 20:8; 23:18].
 - This covenant effectively transferred military leadership to David.
- David began his service as field commander of the armies [1 Sam 18:5-7].
 - David went everywhere Saul sent him.
 - Saul made him captain of the army [1 Sam 14:50].
 - The people of Israel including King Saul's personal staff were pleased with David's leadership.
 - The people appreciated David's accomplishments more than they did Saul's.
- Saul responded to David's success with anger and suspicion [1 Sam 18:8-9].
 - Anger: חָרָה (charah) – to burn with anger.
 - His suspicion of David could have been because he suspected that David might be the one who would take the kingdom away from him [1 Sam 15:28].