

David brought before Saul after killing Goliath, who wanted to know whose son he was....I'm son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite. Faith is transferable & so is fear. Remember ***Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines & Saul blew the trumpet*** 13:3 yet cowardice w/in camp of Israel when Goliath challenged the army which affected Jonathan the same as every other soldier, until David came forward went out & & defeated Goliath. Faith begets faith, fear begets fear.

1 Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. 2 And Saul took him that day and did not let him return to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.

Homosexual community wants to use this & 2Sam 1:26 **perverse minds-**
Some minds like racehorses run best on dirt tracks

God's work in David affected Jon & caused him to remember the day when he had the kind of faith of David. A Spiritual bonding took place which is greater than a bond thru common interest. It overlooks personal flaws, weakness & differences.

Covenant established by giving garments & weapons—identifying w/ & ratification of covenant--a sign of unbreakable friendship—David wearing Jon robe & armor was a public expression of affection & oneness--all who saw David would see Jonathans 2nd self—brotherhood of one.

Jesus took form of a bondservant being made in the likeness of man that we might be clothed in His righteousness—one w/ Him

5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, & prospered; & Saul set him over the men of war. And it was pleasing in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants. 6 And it happened as they were coming, when David returned from killing the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy and with musical instruments. 7 And the women sang as they played, and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands." 8 Then Saul became very angry, for this saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?" 9 And Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on.

Pr 6:34 For jealousy enrages a man, And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

For a jealous leader to bring one alongside who has influence is trouble. People begin to look to the new man & the jealous one is enraged. Saul despised David because God was uses him & he was getting more attention than Saul. Jealousy produces instability & untimate insanity. **S of S 8:6.....Jealousy is as severe as Sheol; Its flames are flames of fire.....**Jealousy is as severe & cruel as Sheol (the place of the dead). Its flashes are flashes of fire, [A most vehement flame] the very flame of the LORD!

God rejected Saul because of his habitual disobedience & will bring a man who is better to replace him. God puts down one & raises up another. Chanting triggers what in Saul's true heart---**jealousy**.

James 3:13-18 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. 18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

10 Now it came about on the next day that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved in the midst of the house, while David was playing the harp with his hand, as usual; and a spear was in Saul's hand. 11 And Saul hurled the spear for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David escaped from his presence twice. 12 Now Saul was afraid of David, for the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul.

Saul opened the door to evil spirits as Judas did... ***Satan entered Judas Lk 22:3*** Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft 15:23. At the least jealousy can stunt our spiritual growth & keep us from enjoying God's work in our life.

Rachael & Leah—Jacob's wives. Leah unloved & jealous always striving never satisfied yet God blessed w/ son Levi, Judah, buried w/ husband.

Also Peter & John 'what about him' 'what is that to you...follow me' Jn 21

Saul descending as David ascending – Paranoia controlled him, vain imaginings – a person can project on others what is true about themselves.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from his presence, and appointed him as his commander of a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. 14 And David was prospering in all his ways for the LORD was with him. 15 When Saul saw that he was prospering greatly, he dreaded him. 16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, and he went out and came in before them. 17 Then Saul said to David,

Saul plans evil to rid himself of the one God has chosen. Nothing worse than to fight against God. You always lose. So Saul removes him from court & puts him in harms way, hoping he'd be killed. But instead God made David greater w/ higher esteem among the people. When we strife against God our plans will always backfire. Yet it didn't stop Saul, he now devises a way to send David into a Philistine hornets nets using a ruse of marrying Saul's daughter. But wasn't that the reward for killing Goliath?

"Here is my older daughter Merab; I will give her to you as a wife, only be a valiant man for me and fight the LORD's battles." For Saul thought, "My hand shall not be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him." 18 But David said to Saul, "Who am I, and what is my life or my father's family in Israel, that I should be the king's son-in-law?" 19 So it came about at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given to Adriel the Meholathite for a wife.

Saul daughter already won by David when killed Goliath but new agreement that he go fight the Philistines as ruse seeking his death.

David is w/o guile and feels unworthy to be son in law to Saul. *Jn 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite, in whom there is no deceit!"* Bait a hook, trickery, exploit, to snare *1Pet 3:10 "LET HIM WHO MEANS TO LOVE LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING GUILE. "love bears all things believes all things hopes all things, endures all things....."1Cor 13:7*

Saul's scheme backfires, David not killed so he reneges on promise after when David is victorious. Maybe he hopes David will speak against Saul, a cause for putting him to death. Yet David maintains his cool, integrity, no negative attitude.

20 Now Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David. When they told Saul, the thing was agreeable to him. 21 And Saul thought, "I will give her to him that she may become a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David, "For a second time you may be my son-in-law today." 22 Then Saul commanded his servants, "Speak to David secretly, saying, 'Behold, the king delights in you, and all his servants love you; now therefore, become the king's son-in-law.'" 23 So Saul's servants spoke these words to David. But David said, "Is it trivial in your sight to become the king's son-in-law, since I am a poor man and lightly esteemed?" 24 And the servants of Saul reported to him according to these words which David spoke.

Younger daughter Michal loved David, infatuated? She later gives him up to save face or herself. She must have been a handful if Saul thought she a snare. David is humbled, w/o guile, innocently believed Saul, who was a man w/ guile & deceit plotting & hoping for David's demise. A person's character is exposed in difficult & adverse circumstances—good & evil.

25 Saul then said, "Thus you shall say to David, 'The king does not desire any dowry except a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to take vengeance on the king's enemies.'" Now Saul planned to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. 26 When his servants told David these words, it pleased David to become the king's son-in-law. Before the days had expired 27 David rose up and went, he and his men, and struck down two hundred men among the Philistines. Then David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. So Saul gave him Michal his daughter for a wife.

Servants told David no dowry needed only kill 100 Philistines--vengeance upon my enemy--a ruse to get David killed—David doubles it 200. We think how horrible for Saul to plot such a thing. And yet David did the same w/ Uriah Bathsheba's husband hoping to cover his sin of adultery. Yet he was a man after God's own heart & Saul wasn't. Sins of the flesh (weakness-against man) and sins of the spirit (disobedience-against God).

Were Saul's servants complicit in the plan? I don't think so the people loved David. When we plot against God's anointed and against those the people love we put ourselves in jeopardy.

28 When Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him, 29 then Saul was even more afraid of David. Thus Saul was David's enemy continually. 30 Then the commanders of the Philistines went out to battle, and it happened as often as they went out, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul. So his name was highly esteemed.

Saul goes from bad to worse—he saw & knew...God gave every indication that God was working in David's life & family—Why not join what God is doing instead of resisting, striving against the work of God. Saul could be a mentor, grandfather, enjoy his later years. ***Pr 27:22 Though you pound a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain, Yet his folly will not depart from him. --Even if you beat fools half to death, you still can't beat their foolishness out of them. --No matter how hard you beat a fool, you can't pound out the foolishness.***

Saul is on the descent and David on the ascent—one falling the other rising. We rise or fall in our obedience or disobedience to the Lord. Trust and obey there's no other way.