

## 1 Samuel 18 Lessons and Principles

- 1) The soul of Jonathan was knit together with the soul of David. They both had a great trust in God. We all need a friend like that, one that we have a lot in common, but most of all one that we have a mutual trust in God. (vv. 1-4)
- 2) David went out wherever Saul sent him and behaved wisely. David knew the way to be blessed. It was to work hard and be a blessing to his boss. He would not undercut Saul's position in any way. We can learn from this – to always respect, honor, and be a blessing to our superiors or bosses and we will be blessed in return. (vv. 5-9)
- 3) David quickly became extremely popular among the people; they even sang a song in all the cities of Israel – "Saul has slain his thousands and David his tens of thousands." But David did not let this go to his head – 18:14 "And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the Lord was with him." This was a test, one the Devil wanted to use to bring David down, and one the Lord wanted to use to build David up. If you are successful, popular, and praised by your peers, don't let it go to your head remain humble and give the glory to God.
- 4) Saul was very angry, why because he did not have a right or close relationship with the Lord. All he had was the praise of man so when David was more praise it really bothered him. Therefore, when a subordinate is very successful don't resent it or feel threatened by it. Keep serving the Lord and you will have your praise another day. (vv. 5-9)
- 5) David had spears thrown at him, not once but twice, he was removed from the palace and placed in the army as a captain, which was intended to do him harm, not good. David behaved wisely in all his ways and the Lord was with him. Saul's purpose was that David might get killed in the army, it wasn't to honor him, but the Lord was with him. If we act wisely and persevere through all the hardships Satan throws at us in the end the Lord will be with us and we shall overcome. (vv. 12-16)