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Book of 1st Samuel Chapter 18

09_1SA_18_01 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

09_1SA_18_02 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

09_1SA_18_03 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

09_1SA_18_04 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that [was] upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

09_1SA_18_05 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, [and] behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

09_1SA_18_06 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of music.

09_1SA_18_07 And the women answered [one another] as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

09_1SA_18_08 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed [but] thousands: and [what] can he have more but the kingdom?

09_1SA_18_09 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

09_1SA_18_10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and [there was] a javelin in Saul's hand.

09_1SA_18_11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall [with it]. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

09_1SA_18_12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

09_1SA_18_13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

09_1SA_18_14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD [was] with him.

09_1SA_18_15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

09_1SA_18_16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

09_1SA_18_17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

09_1SA_18_18 And David said unto Saul, Who [am] I? and what [is] my life, [or] my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?

09_1SA_18_19 But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

09_1SA_18_20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

09_1SA_18_21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in [the one of] the twain.

09_1SA_18_22 And Saul commanded his servants, [saying], Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.

09_1SA_18_23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you [a] light [thing] to be a king's son in law, seeing that I [am] a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

09_1SA_18_24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David.

09_1SA_18_25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

09_1SA_18_26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired.

09_1SA_18_27 Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

09_1SA_18_28 And Saul saw and knew that the LORD [was] with David, and [that] Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

09_1SA_18_29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

09_1SA_18_30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, [that] David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.