

A Broken Heart - Living for Self

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1 Samuel 18:6-30

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Review

- David slew Goliath and cut off his head using Goliath's sword
- Jonathan saw David's actions – desired covenant friendship
- Jonathan & David – two men with a heart for God
- Now to contrast Saul, a man with a heart for self
- Saul was angry⁸, afraid^{8,12}. Fear & Love opposites^{1Jn4:18}

A Broken Heart Responds

- Saul's fears pop up immediately after David's triumphs⁸⁻⁹
- Songs⁷ for Saul the victor as they return, provokes jealousy
- Songs poetic rather than value judgment of Saul vs. David
- But Saul likely remembered words of Samuel^{1S15:28}
- Learn: guard your heart against jealousy^{Prov27:3-4; Jms3:16}
- Saul's evil heart was revealed^{Mt15:18-19}
- Saul no longer feared God, but what would jeopardize him¹⁰
- Guard your heart carefully^{Jms3:17} Fear God^{Ps111:10}
- Not rightly fearing God led to Saul fearing David¹²
- Saul's path was destructive^{Ps1:6}, God's downpayment^{Is57:20-21}
- It's never too late – turn humbly to our merciful God^{Joel2:12-13}

David's Humility & Wisdom

- Saul more disturbed at God's favor than David's successes
- Saul responded by setting David up for destruction^{5,13,17,21,25}
- David humbly returned to Saul's court to play the harp
- David doesn't seem interested in Merab¹⁷ plays humble
- Saul even willing to play with feelings of his own daughters
- David is not afraid of uncircumcised Philistines²⁷ bouquet of 200!

So What?

- Not a perverse relationship^{Titus1:15} as some have said
- 2S1:15-26 does not imply sexual love but covenant bond

A Spiritual Covenant Bond

- Jonathan & Saul contrasted in attitude
- J loved the Lord & David - man after God's heart...
- S loved himself, sought to destroy God's choice to save...
- This chapter again shows how God is completely sovereign
- S a picture of living for self: unstable, volatile
- D a picture of living for God's glory: protected, humble

See the Gospel picture: we get right with God not by doing, but by accepting God's mercy as revealed through His Messiah

- David foreshadowed Christ, looked to Messiah for his sin^{Ps51:7}
- Unfortunately David stole a page from Saul's playbook later in life: Lost focus for glory of God^{2S11:1} and sinned then killed enemy^{2S11:21}; but repented when confronted^{2S12}. Ps32,51,145
- When you sin - never forget the Gospel^{Ps145:8-9}
- Jesus is Immanuel^{Mt1:23}, Jesus won't forsake you^{Heb13:5} turn to Him everyday with Gospel repentance!