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Samuel is written as a journal of events observed by Samuel and later others who saw him or continued to observe these events. There is direct interaction between God and His Prophet Samuel, so we can hear those interactions through the pen of Samuel.

The Word of God the Bible regardless of the human author is all directed by God. There are the actual events that occur and hidden within those events are the Spiritual significance of the people and events. In this study we have focused on the physical events as they are important to Israel and the directions Israel chooses sometimes with God but often opposed to or contrary to God's Will. Sometimes it is individuals' other times it is the entire nation that chooses either wisely or unwisely. From here on I will try to point out at least some of the Spiritual significant events often as types and shadows of the coming Messiah.

We are at a point where David begins a closer relationship with King Saul and by extension Saul's family, starting with Saul's son Jonathan.

David's heart is constantly with God. Human relationships for David and for Believers today bring challenges to our walk with Christ. To other Believers who love God we openly fellowship with

and share our love in and of Christ. Others who do not know Christ we hope we can share the Love of God with them as we walk through life with them.

Then there are those who are so opposed to Christ and the free gift of life He offers, that may affect us negatively if we allow it. Guard your hearts from evil, putting on the full armor of God. Satan is prowling about seeing whom he might devour.

David for the most part stayed positive serving God with his heart. Jonathan will have a heart like David but not so King Saul.

Looking back, we had seen Jonathan involved in his own heroic military exploits when he and his armor bearer attacked a Philistine encampment. If anyone could understand each other in a military fight for life status it would be David and Jonathan. Jonathan now seeing what David had done on the battlefield against Goliath when no one from Israel including Jonathan had volunteered to engage Goliath is fascinated with him.

1 Samuel 18

Jonathan Befriends David

1And 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.

It is probably obvious, but the idea of their hearts knit together means they were linked together as in brotherly type of love. Loving someone as you love yourself.

In the past chapter it was as if Saul did not know David, and now something happens and Saul welcomes David into his home. The brotherly relationship that grew between two warriors; David and Jonathan may have been that catalyst.

2And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. **3**Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. **4**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.

This act by Jonathan is noted as prophetic in Jonathan surrendering his cloak, sword, bow and belt to David, in otherwards a sign of servitude to his newfound brother. These acts were apparently family wide for the house of Saul and all the staff immediately like David and welcomed him.

Saul Envies David

5And 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.

Often in military units when a person exemplifies themselves in war they are held in high esteem. What David accomplished not only saved lives but it but allowed Israel to be shown as the Nation God loved and brought the fear of the Lord God on Israel's enemies.

6And 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 musick.

This was a usual tribute by the women to the military and especially their leaders when they came home victorious. They would use instruments along with singing to honor their brave military.

7And the women answered *one another* as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

The King was honored by attributing his prowess as their leader. However, David was honored in a higher way by declaring he had killed many more than Saul. This grew the strain put between Saul and David even though Saul did not know that David would replace him as King.

The Spiritual significance of David's growing in popularity was that he was a type and shadow of the coming Messiah. Coming from lowly origins, honored by God, granted power from the Holy Spirit and measured in his steps through the Power of God. David would save a nation, while Jesus would save the world.

8And 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? **9**And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

We are not told who Saul said this to, but it is apparent it was spoken in a way that Samuel heard it or heard of it. Saul complained of course about the number attributed to him and David, but he made an almost prophetic statement; "and what can he have more but the kingdom?"

It was traumatic enough for Saul that he then scrutinized David from that point on.

Spiritually it is the same type of jealousy we have seen from scripture of the Pharisees when Jesus was among them. Satan attacks all people, those who love God and those who do not. He attacks those who do not love God to keep them from coming to

Him and he attacks Believers to try to get them to fall in sin and give victory to Satan in moments of weakness.

10And 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.*

“On the morrow” shows it came the next day after the women saluted Saul and more so David. That jealousy that Saul spoke of by watching David resulted in God again sending an evil spirit on Saul.

Not all prophecy is from God. We are all aware of false prophets those seeking personal gain or those inspired by Satan to lie. One such verse is in Jeremiah 27.

Jeremiah 27: 21I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

We are not told what Saul said but it was apparently not in alignment with God. The result of Saul’s emotional instability was to prophesy in some manner that showed his distress.

When clear that Saul was in distress David played his harp to calm the King. As to the spear, likely most military men had weapons close at hand as would the King.

11And 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.

The sentence shows Saul's intent on killing David by pinning him to the wall. Perhaps the meaning of "presence twice" was that Saul actually tried twice to kill David. Another possibility is that it is a reference to God's completeness as in protection of David.

Additional Spiritual understanding is that Jesus when under attack by the Pharisees would somehow simply walk out from among them, again by the Power of the Holy Spirit of God.

John 10: 38But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. 39Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,

12And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

1 Samuel 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. 14 Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a spirit of distress from the LORD began to torment him.

13Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

There may be several self-serving reasons Saul would do this. It got David away from him. It kept David busy. It put David in

possible danger of being killed in battle. As with most self-serving ploys there is a chance of it backfiring on you. In this case it did backfire as David proved himself to be a great leader and popular with the troops and the people. The opposite of what Saul really wanted.

As with Christ the more the Pharisees tried to limit Jesus's exposure to the people the more the people loved Him and wanted to follow Him.

14And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him.

The Hebrew word used here for "wisely" according to Strong's Concordance.

sakal: to be prudent

Transliteration: sakal

Definition: to be prudent

In today's vernacular prudent means; practical, wise, discrete. We are hearing more and more even today the term, Common Sense.

Common sense or being prudent in Christ is to walk with God in all your ways. David in his early life chose that path and God honored him.

15Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him. 16But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

As with Christ when people saw how David conducted himself with prudence it was attractive to those around him and they wanted to follow him. That combination of being a leader and one that people admired gave Saul pause and concern for his position as King.

There is such deceit in Saul toward David and others whom he made alliances with. If you want to read a disturbing event read 2 Samuel 21. It is so far beyond what we would ever think of doing but it was in fact done.

David tried to serve Saul as a loyal man, but David's heart was after the Lord God and in the end David would serve God.

17And 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.

Just a small part of Saul's deceit toward David out of fear of him. Saul had promised his daughter to whoever killed Goliath. David did so and now it appears that Saul will honor his pledge. But his deceit is almost unparalleled in Scripture.

Saul's plan was to make David think he would marry Merab but Saul's real plan was to have David killed by the Philistines.

18And 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? 19But 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.

Saul was a deceiver if anything. In this event, Saul wanted to build a stronger relationship with Mehola a powerful family in the Jordan Valley. What better way than to give his oldest daughter to the son of Mehola, Adriel. Never mind he had already promised her to David.

20And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. 21And 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*.

You just can't make this stuff up. Saul was so treacherous that he would even use his daughter to trap David and have him killed. The downside for Saul was that his youngest daughter Michal loved David and David loved her.

David was a humble and contrite man after God's own heart and not believing he was worthy of Michal or to be the son-in-law of the King of Israel, he was reluctant to marry Michal.

So, the King enlisted his servants to confide in David that the King really wanted him to marry his daughter Michal.

22And 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. 23And 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? 24And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David.

You can see in your mind's eye the discussions between Saul and his servants. Then between the servants and David. Then the servants back to Saul telling him David does not feel worthy of your daughter. The depth of deceit that Saul was capable of could only come from Satan's demon that God sent upon Saul.

It only gets worse as David contests what Saul is wanting to happen. David resistance is not out of deceit or rebellion but out of a pure heart wanting to honor his King.

So, they up the ante, David feeling like he cannot provide the proper dowery for the King's daughter the servants are told to tell

David, no worries the King doesn't want money he wants dead Philistines. Saul all the time figuring it's a great way to get David killed.

25And 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. 26And 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.

David did love Michal and this seemed like a good compromise for a dowery. I will say this about the term "compromise". It is perhaps the worst word in the English language. Nowhere in the Bible will you ever find where God ever compromised.

As to the demand from Saul there was a limited amount of time for David to carry out this demand. David wasted no time and set about to bring not just what was demanded but twice the demand within the time constraints.

27Wherefore 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.

I wonder how Michal felt at being worth 100 foreskins? But to make sure she did not feel slighted David brought back twice that amount. A sign of true love.

28And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and *that* Michal Saul's daughter loved him. 29And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

An unrepentant heart can cause great pain in the lives around it.

30Then 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.

Proverbs 21: A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

Time and again David encountered the enemies of Israel and he prevailed. It was not luck or even great military prowess but being blessed by God in all that he did. With each victory he was endeared to the people more and with each victory Saul became more afraid of David.