



Saul's Envy versus Jonathan's Love:

1 Samuel 18-23

Lesson 63 Visuals

- **When David and the Israelites came home from battling the Philistines, the women sang, “Saul has killed thousands and David tens of thousands.”**
- **That made Saul angry because he did not like David receiving more honor. He was envious.**
- **In Saul's first two attempts to kill David, he threw a spear at him while David played the harp.**
- **Saul sent David off to battle the Philistines, hoping the Philistines would kill him. Saul felt even more envious of David when David kept coming back successful.**
- **James 3:16 says, “For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and every evil practice.”**



- **Saul first offered to let David marry his oldest daughter, if David killed Philistines. But after David was successful, Saul did not do as he promised. He gave his oldest daughter to another man.**
- **After David killed 200 more Philistines, Saul let David marry his youngest daughter Michal.**
- **Altogether, Saul threw a spear at David three times.**
- **When Saul sent men to David's house to kill him, David's wife Michal warned David; and he was able to escape.**
- **David went to the prophet Samuel after he escaped and told Samuel about all that Saul had done to him.**
- **Jonathan shot arrows in a field and yelled to the boy, "Isn't the arrow beyond you. Hurry! Go quickly! Don't stop!"**



- The message was really for David telling him that he needed to run away and escape King Saul who still wanted to kill him.
- Jonathan and David made a covenant with each other to protect each other and to protect their children and descendants.
- Ahimelech the priest gave David bread and Goliath's sword.
- David escaped to the Philistine city of Gath. The King's servants knew that the Israelites sang the following song about David: "Saul has slain thousands and David tens of thousands."
- Since that song was about David killing Philistines and King Achish was a Philistine, David knew King Achish would want to kill him; so David pretended to be insane.
- When Doeg told Saul that Ahimelech the priest gave David bread and Goliath's sword, Saul ordered for Ahimelech the priest to be killed.



- One of Ahimelech's sons escaped to tell David what Saul had done.
- The LORD told David where to go to escape Saul.
- Jonathan told David that he knew David would be king one day. (As the son of the king, Jonathan would be expected to be the next king.)
- Saul demonstrated envy, selfish ambition and acts of great sin.
- Jonathan demonstrated humility, love and acts of great kindness.
- Just as Saul was getting very close to finding David, Saul received word that the Philistines were raiding the land. So Saul left to fight the Philistines. The Lord had protected David once again.