

DAVID'S LAMENTATION OVER SAUL AND JONATHAN

2 Samuel 1

Perhaps nowhere is the true heart attitude of David revealed so well as in his friendship with Saul's son, Jonathan, and in his reaction to the death of his enemy, Saul. Review these historical events, and then study David's final tribute to his best friend and his worst enemy:

A. David's Friendship with Jonathan: 1 Samuel 18 - 23

1. How did Jonathan feel about David as soon as he came to the palace after killing the giant? 1 Samuel 18:1

2. What did Jonathan do to David to prove his love? 1 Samuel 18:3-4

3. What did Jonathan do when he learned that Saul was trying to kill David?
 - a. 1 Samuel 19:2-3 _____
 - b. 1 Samuel 19:4-7 _____
4. When Jonathan later helped David escape from Saul, what did David promise him? 1 Samuel 20:14-17

5. What did Jonathan and David do when they knew that David must leave to flee from Saul? 1 Samuel 20:30-34, 41-42

6. What did Jonathan do while David was in hiding from Saul? 1 Samuel 23:16

7. How did Jonathan feel about David's replacing his father as king? 1 Samuel 23:17-18

B. The Death of Saul and Jonathan: Read 1 Samuel 31

1. What happened when the Philistines came against Saul and Israel? 1 Samuel 31:1

2. What happened to Jonathan and his brothers? 1 Samuel 31:2

3. What happened to Saul? 1 Samuel 31:3

4. What did Saul then do to himself? 1 Samuel 31:4b

5. What did the Philistines later do to Saul? 1 Samuel 31:8-10

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6. Who came and took the bodies of Saul and his sons from the Philistines? 1 Samuel 31:11-13
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C. David's Lamentation Over Saul and Jonathan: Read 2 Samuel 1

1. Who brought David news of the death of Saul and Jonathan? 2 Samuel 1:8, 13
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2. What had he done to Saul after Saul fell on his own spear? 2 Samuel 1:6-10
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3. How did David and his men feel when they heard this news? 2 Samuel 1:11-12
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4. What did David do to the man who had killed Saul? 2 Samuel 1:13-16
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5. How did David describe Saul and Jonathan? 2 Samuel 1:19, 27
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6. Why did David so greatly regret that Saul had died? 2 Samuel 1:21b
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7. In spite of all Saul had done to David, what did David say of him? 2 Samuel 1:23
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8. What was David's final tribute to Jonathan? 2 Samuel 1:26b
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was there any real difference between David's heart attitude toward Jonathan and his heart attitude toward Saul?
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2. Do I love my enemies as much as I love my friends? Do I regret their misfortunes as much? See Matthew 5:43-48.
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