

FIRST DAY:

- Review the lecture, Read the notes and the references

SECOND DAY:**Read 1 Samuel 18****Saul's Jealousy of David**

[18:1] After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. [2] From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house. [3] And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

[4] Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

[5] Whatever Saul sent him to do, David did it so successfully that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the people, and Saul's officers as well.

[6] When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. [7] As they danced, they sang:

“Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands.”

[8] Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. “They have credited David with tens of thousands,” he thought, “but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?” [9] And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

[10] The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand [11] and he hurled it, saying to himself, “I'll pin David to the wall.” But David eluded him twice.

[12] Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had left Saul. [13] So he sent

David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns. [14] In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him.

[15] When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. [16] But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.

[17] Saul said to David, “Here is my older daughter Merab. I will give her to you in marriage; only serve me bravely and fight the battles of the LORD.” For Saul said to himself, “I will not raise a hand against him. Let the Philistines do that!”

[18] But David said to Saul, “Who am I, and what is my family or my father's clan in Israel, that I should become the king's son-in-law?” [19] So when the time came for Merab, Saul's daughter, to be given to David, she was given in marriage to Adriel of Meholah.

[20] Now Saul's daughter Michal was in love with David, and when they told Saul about it, he was pleased. [21] “I will give her to him,” he thought, “so that she may be a snare to him and so that the hand of the Philistines may be against him.” So Saul said to David, “Now you have a second opportunity to become my son-in-law.”

[22] Then Saul ordered his attendants: “Speak to David privately and say, ‘Look, the king is pleased with you, and his attendants all like you; now become his son-in-law.’”

[23] They repeated these words to David. But David said, “Do you think it is a small matter to become the king's son-in-law? I'm only a poor man and little known.”

[24] When Saul's servants told him what David had said, [25] Saul replied, “Say to David, ‘The king wants no other price for the bride than a hundred Philistine foreskins, to take revenge on his enemies.’” Saul's plan was to have David fall by the hands of the Philistines.

[26] When the attendants told David these things, he was pleased to become the king's son-in-law. So before the allotted time elapsed, [27] David and his men went out and killed two hundred Philistines. He brought their foreskins and presented the full number to the king so that he might become the king's son-in-law. Then Saul gave him his daughter Michal in marriage.

[28] When Saul realized that the LORD was with David and that his daughter Michal loved David, [29] Saul became still more afraid of him, and he remained his enemy the rest of his days.

[30] The Philistine commanders continued to go out to battle, and as often as they did, David met with more success than the rest of Saul's officers, and his name became well known.

THIRD DAY

Read 1 Samuel 19 with Psalm 59

1 Samuel 19

Saul Tries to Kill David

[19:1] Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan was very fond of David [2] and warned him, "My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there. [3] I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I'll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out."

[4] Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. [5] He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?"

[6] Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: "As surely as the LORD lives, David will not be put to death."

[7] So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was with Saul as before.

[8] Once more war broke out, and David went out and fought the Philistines. He struck them with such force that they fled before him.

[9] But an evil spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in

his hand. While David was playing the harp, [10] Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape.

[11] Saul sent men to David's house to watch it and to kill him in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, warned him, "If you don't run for your life tonight, tomorrow you'll be killed." [12] So Michal let David down through a window, and he fled and escaped. [13] Then Michal took an idol and laid it on the bed, covering it with a garment and putting some goats' hair at the head.

[14] When Saul sent the men to capture David, Michal said, "He is ill."

[15] Then Saul sent the men back to see David and told them, "Bring him up to me in his bed so that I may kill him." [16] But when the men entered, there was the idol in the bed, and at the head was some goats' hair.

[17] Saul said to Michal, "Why did you deceive me like this and send my enemy away so that he escaped?"

Michal told him, "He said to me, 'Let me get away. Why should I kill you?'"

[18] When David had fled and made his escape, he went to Samuel at Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. Then he and Samuel went to Naioth and stayed there. [19] Word came to Saul: "David is in Naioth at Ramah"; [20] so he sent men to capture him. But when they saw a group of prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing there as their leader, the Spirit of God came upon Saul's men and they also prophesied. [21] Saul was told about it, and he sent more men, and they prophesied too. Saul sent men a third time, and they also prophesied. [22] Finally, he himself left for Ramah and went to the great cistern at Secu. And he asked, "Where are Samuel and David?"

"Over in Naioth at Ramah," they said.

[23] So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But the Spirit of God came even upon him, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth. [24] He stripped off his robes and also prophesied in Samuel's presence. He lay that way all that day and night. This is why people say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

PSALM 59

[59:1] Deliver me from my enemies, O God;
protect me from those who rise up against me.

[2] Deliver me from evildoers
and save me from bloodthirsty men.

[3] See how they lie in wait for me!
Fierce men conspire against me
for no offense or sin of mine, O LORD.

[4] I have done no wrong, yet they are ready to
attack me.

Arise to help me; look on my plight!

[5] O LORD God Almighty, the God of Israel,
rouse yourself to punish all the nations;
show no mercy to wicked traitors.

Selah

[6] They return at evening,
snarling like dogs,

and prowling about the city.

[7] See what they spew from their mouths —
they spew out swords from their lips,
and they say, “Who can hear us?”

[8] But you, O LORD, laugh at them;
you scoff at all those nations.

[9] O my Strength, I watch for you;
you, O God, are my fortress, [10] my loving God.

God will go before me
and will let me gloat over those who slander me.

[11] But do not kill them, O Lord our shield,
or my people will forget.

In your might make them wander about,
and bring them down.

[12] For the sins of their mouths,
for the words of their lips,
let them be caught in their pride.

For the curses and lies they utter,

[13] consume them in wrath,
consume them till they are no more.

Then it will be known to the ends of the earth
that God rules over Jacob.

Selah

[14] They return at evening,
snarling like dogs,

and prowling about the city.

[15] They wander about for food
and howl if not satisfied.

[16] But I will sing of your strength,
in the morning I will sing of your love;

for you are my fortress,
my refuge in times of trouble.

[17] O my Strength, I sing praise to you;
you, O God, are my fortress, my loving God.

FOURTH DAY

Read 1 Samuel 20

David and Jonathan

[20:1] Then David fled from Naioth at Ramah and
went to Jonathan and asked, “What have I done?
What is my crime? How have I wronged your father,
that he is trying to take my life?”

[2] “Never!” Jonathan replied. “You are not going to
die! Look, my father doesn't do anything, great or
small, without confiding in me. Why would he hide
this from me? It's not so!”

[3] But David took an oath and said, “Your father
knows very well that I have found favor in your eyes,
and he has said to himself, ‘Jonathan must not know
this or he will be grieved.’ Yet as surely as the LORD
lives and as you live, there is only a step between me
and death.”

[4] Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you want me
to do, I'll do for you.”

[5] So David said, “Look, tomorrow is the New
Moon festival, and I am supposed to dine with the
king; but let me go and hide in the field until the
evening of the day after tomorrow. [6] If your father
misses me at all, tell him, ‘David earnestly asked my
permission to hurry to Bethlehem, his hometown,
because an annual sacrifice is being made there for
his whole clan.’ [7] If he says, ‘Very well,’ then your
servant is safe. But if he loses his temper, you can be
sure that he is determined to harm me. [8] As for
you, show kindness to your servant, for you have
brought him into a covenant with you before the
LORD. If I am guilty, then kill me yourself! Why
hand me over to your father?”

[9] “Never!” Jonathan said. “If I had the least inkling
that my father was determined to harm you, wouldn't
I tell you?”

[10] David asked, “Who will tell me if your father
answers you harshly?”

[11] “Come,” Jonathan said, “let's go out into the
field.” So they went there together.

[12] Then Jonathan said to David: “By the LORD,
the God of Israel, I will surely sound out my father

by this time the day after tomorrow! If he is favorably disposed toward you, will I not send you word and let you know? [13] But if my father is inclined to harm you, may the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if I do not let you know and send you away safely. May the LORD be with you as he has been with my father. [14] But show me unfailing kindness like that of the LORD as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, [15] and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the LORD has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth.”

[16] So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the LORD call David's enemies to account.” [17] And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.

[18] Then Jonathan said to David: “Tomorrow is the New Moon festival. You will be missed, because your seat will be empty. [19] The day after tomorrow, toward evening, go to the place where you hid when this trouble began, and wait by the stone Ezel. [20] I will shoot three arrows to the side of it, as though I were shooting at a target. [21] Then I will send a boy and say, ‘Go, find the arrows.’ If I say to him, ‘Look, the arrows are on this side of you; bring them here,’ then come, because, as surely as the LORD lives, you are safe; there is no danger. [22] But if I say to the boy, ‘Look, the arrows are beyond you,’ then you must go, because the LORD has sent you away. [23] And about the matter you and I discussed—remember, the LORD is witness between you and me forever.”

[24] So David hid in the field, and when the New Moon festival came, the king sat down to eat. [25] He sat in his customary place by the wall, opposite Jonathan, and Abner sat next to Saul, but David's place was empty. [26] Saul said nothing that day, for he thought, “Something must have happened to David to make him ceremonially unclean—surely he is unclean.” [27] But the next day, the second day of the month, David's place was empty again. Then Saul said to his son Jonathan, “Why hasn't the son of Jesse come to the meal, either yesterday or today?”

[28] Jonathan answered, “David earnestly asked me for permission to go to Bethlehem. [29] He said, ‘Let me go, because our family is observing a sacrifice in the town and my brother has ordered me to be there. If I have found favor in your eyes, let me get away to see my brothers.’ That is why he has not come to the king's table.”

[30] Saul's anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, “You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don't I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you? [31] As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send and bring him to me, for he must die!”

[32] “Why should he be put to death? What has he done?” Jonathan asked his father. [33] But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him. Then Jonathan knew that his father intended to kill David.

[34] Jonathan got up from the table in fierce anger; on that second day of the month he did not eat, because he was grieved at his father's shameful treatment of David.

[35] In the morning Jonathan went out to the field for his meeting with David. He had a small boy with him, [36] and he said to the boy, “Run and find the arrows I shoot.” As the boy ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. [37] When the boy came to the place where Jonathan's arrow had fallen, Jonathan called out after him, “Isn't the arrow beyond you?” [38] Then he shouted, “Hurry! Go quickly! Don't stop!” The boy picked up the arrow and returned to his master. [39] (The boy knew nothing of all this; only Jonathan and David knew.) [40] Then Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy and said, “Go, carry them back to town.”

[41] After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side [of the stone] and bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground. Then they kissed each other and wept together—but David wept the most.

[42] Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.’” Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.

FIFTH DAY:

Read Psalms 23 and 36

PSALM 23

[23:1] The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

[2] He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

[3] he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

[4] Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

[5] You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

[6] Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

PSALM 36

[36:1]

An oracle is within my heart
concerning the sinfulness of the wicked:
There is no fear of God
before his eyes.

[2] For in his own eyes he flatters himself
too much to detect or hate his sin.

[3] The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful;
he has ceased to be wise and to do good.

[4] Even on his bed he plots evil;
he commits himself to a sinful course
and does not reject what is wrong.

[5] Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

[6] Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the great deep.

O LORD, you preserve both man and beast.

[7] How priceless is your unfailing love!
Both high and low among men
find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

[8] They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.

[9] For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

[10] Continue your love to those who know you,
your righteousness to the upright in heart.

[11] May the foot of the proud not come against me,
nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.

[12] See how the evildoers lie fallen—
thrown down, not able to rise!

SIXTH DAY

**Review 1 Samuel 18-20 with Psalms 23,
36, and 59**

(See above scripture)