

CHASING AFTER GOD



Message #3: **Covenant Love**

1 SAMUEL 17

54 And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.

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55 When Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know."

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56 So the king said, "Inquire whose son this young man is."

57 Then, as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

1 SAMUEL 17

58 And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" So David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

1 SAMUEL 18

1 Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore.

1 SAMUEL 18

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt.

1 SAMUEL 18

5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved 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.

- **David has just defeated Goliath.**

- We are starting to see David's character take shape...
 - “man after God’s heart”
 - “anointed by God”
 - Servant heart
 - Courageous
 - Passion for God
 - Wise



David wrote this...

Psalm 17:15

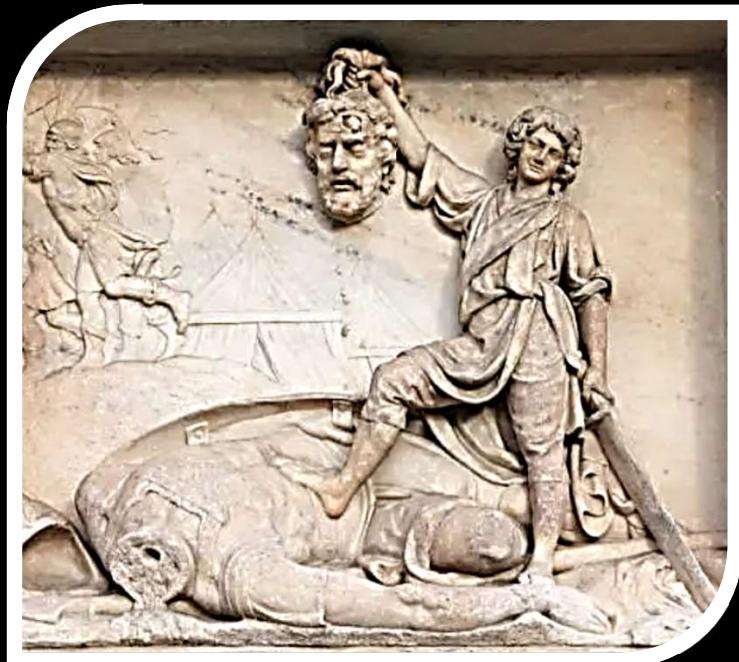
As for me, I will see Your face
in righteousness; I shall be satisfied
when I awake in Your likeness.

Imagine this kind of person...

- A person hungry to know and experience God
- A person anointed by the Spirit of God
- A person with a servant heart and humble attitude
- A person who is strong & courageous
- A person who is passionate about God's Honor
- A person who lives for this: "that all the earth may know" the ONE True God.

What Kind of life would that be in the earth?

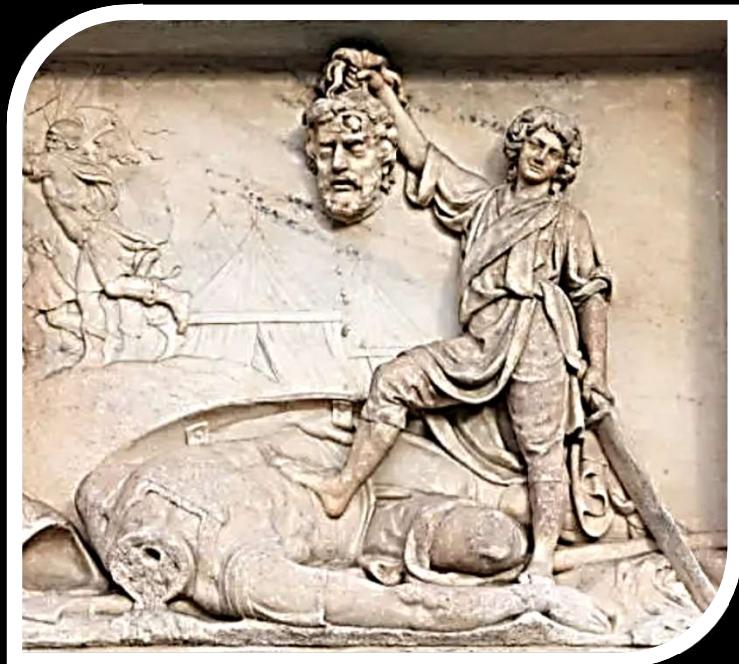
MEETING WITH SAUL



“with the head of the Philistine in his hand”

Saul wants to know
“who's your daddy?”

MEETING WITH SAUL



Saul makes David the
“head of the men of war”

David
“behaved wisely”

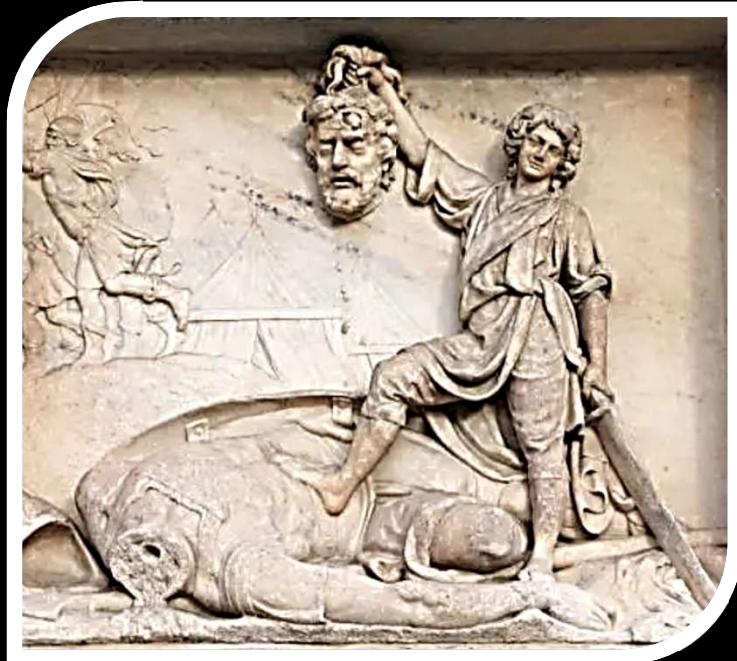
MEETING WITH SAUL



God is going to give David
a much needed gift:

**A Loyal, Trustworthy
Friend in Jonathan**

FAITH LESSON



Divine
Connections

Right Place, Right Time,
Right People

DAVID & JONATHAN

“the soul of Jonathan
was knit to the soul of David”

Soul = Life

Knit = be bound, tied together

DAVID & JONATHAN

“Jonathan loved him
as his own soul” (2x)

Soul = Life

Love = great affection & loyalty towards

COVENANT LOVE

**Jonathan & David
make a covenant**

**Covenant = a binding agreement between 2
people before God**

THE EXCHANGE

(vs 4)

And Jonathan took off the robe that was
on him and gave it to David,
with his armor, even to his sword
and his bow and his belt.

COVENANT

- Robe
- Armor
- Sword
- Bow
- Belt

What
does all
this
mean?



ROBE

- Royal Robe
- Humility - Jonathan was relinquishing his right to the throne and transferring it to David.
- Identity – welcome to the Royal Family



ROBE

- Jonathan was not threatened by David's success.
 - He knew he must decrease and David must increase.
- Recognition of God's calling on David



ARMOR

- **Gave David the best**
- **David elevated from shepherd to Warrior Status.**
- **Military Authority** – right to command and lead in battle
- **Showed vulnerability and trust**



SWORD AND BOW

- **Strength** – my strength is yours
- **Alliance** – my sword & bow are always with you to protect defend
- **Loyalty** – I will never draw against you
- **Unity** – We are one. Your enemies are my enemies



BELT

- Belt holds it all together
- Ready - ready to do battle
 - Always prepared to help you at a moments notice
- We are bonded together.

Faith Lesson

May God give a friend or friends like this.

–I pray you have a good friend and
that you are a good friend.



Good News

- **Good News:** There has been a similar, but greater covenant made for you.
 - By one far greater than Jonathan or David.

Let's see how it compares



ROBE

- Jesus gives His Royal Robe and brings us into the Royal Family of God!
- Identity – my identity is now a son/daughter of the King!
- The Robe shows the exchange of my unrighteous rags for Jesus' Robe of Righteousness.
 - Luke 15:22 “bring out the best robe”



ROBE

Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.



ROBE

John 1:11-12

11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to **become children of God**, to those who believe in His name:

13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.



ROBE

2 Corinthians 5:21

**For He made Him who knew
no sin to be sin for us,
that we might become the
righteousness of God in Him.**



ROBE

Romans 8:16-17

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God**,
17 and if children, then **heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.



ARMOR

- Jesus gave us His armor for the battles we face.
- We've been elevated from our lowly status to Warrior Status in the Kingdom of God.
- Authority has been granted through the Name of Jesus.



ARMOR

Ephesians 6:11

**Put on the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to stand against
the wiles of the devil.**

**This is the same armor Jesus used to win
every battle!**

Guess who I look like when I'm armored up?



ARMOR

- **Helmet of Salvation - Mind**
- **Breastplate of Righteousness – Heart**
- **Feet are covered with the Gospel of Peace – every step**
- **Shield of Faith to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.**

(Sword & Belt coming)



SWORD

- Jesus shares His Sword with us to fight our battles.
–Jesus: “**Here’s My Sword. My strength is yours!**”

**The Sword of the Spirit
The Word of God**



SWORD

Hebrews 4:12

For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.



BELT

- Belt of Truth (Eph 6:14)
 - Jesus and the Truth He teaches hold us together!

**Jesus brings TRUTH,
Jesus is TRUTH**

David wrote this...

Psalm 17:15

As for me, I will see Your face
in righteousness; I shall be satisfied
when I awake in Your likeness.



Covenant Love

- Jesus has extended His Covenant Love to us.
 - His heart, His life is knitted together with ours.
- Jesus loves you, more than He loves His own life!



Covenant Love

**Robe
Armor
Sword
Belt**

Numbers 6:24-26

24 "The LORD bless you and keep you;
25 The LORD make His face shine upon
you, and be gracious to you;
26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon
you, and give you peace."