

## **Paging Through the Scriptures**

### **David and Jonathan**

#### **1 Samuel 18-20**

1. Saul Tries to Kill David with a Spear...Twice (1 Sam 18:11)
2. Saul Plans, Generally, to have the Philistines Kill David (18:17)
3. Saul Plans to Use His Daughter for David's Undoing (18:21ff)
4. Saul Plans, Specifically, to have the Philistines Kill David (18:25)
5. Saul Commands His Son and Officers to Kill David (19:1)
6. Saul Tries to Kill David with a Spear...Again (19:10)
7. Saul Sends His Servants to Kill David in His Home (19:11)
8. Saul Sends Three Different Parties of Men to Take David (19:18)
9. Saul Goes Himself to Take and Kill David (19:22)
10. Saul Desires to Kill an Absent David (20:24)

#### **11. Were David and Jonathan Homosexual Lovers?**

This is an unfortunate, but necessary, question to address in the modern times of perversity and of the attempt at sanctifying what God has declared sinful. There are four texts which are often pointed to whenever someone attempts to make the case that Jonathan and David were homosexual lovers.

##### **A. 1 Sam. 18:1-4**

Are there any similarities between David and Jonathan that might have resulted in such a deep friendship?

##### **B. 1 Sam. 20:30-31**

What was the reason for Saul's rebuke of Jonathan? Does the context give us any information?

##### **C. 1 Sam 20:41-42**

Must this scene be interpreted with the lens of sensuality, or is respect and friendship an appropriate contextual key for interpretation (cf. Ex. 18:7)?

##### **D. 2 Sam. 1:26**

Based on the explicit narrative of the life of David, in what ways could David have meant that Jonathan's love was more wonderful to him than the love of women?