Bible Alive 365 – Day #102

1 Samual 18-20; Psalm 11, 59

1 Samuel 18:1-30 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. **2** And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. **3** Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. **4** And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that *was* upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle. **5** And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, *and* behaved himself 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. **6** And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. **7** And the women answered *one another* as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. **8** And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom? **9** And Saul eyed David from that day and forward. **10** And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and *there was* a javelin in Saul's hand. **11** And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall *with it.* And David avoided out of his presence twice. **12** And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul. **13** Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. **14** And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD *was* with him. **15** Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him. **16** But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them. **17** And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him. **18** And David said unto Saul, Who *am* I? and what *is* my life, *or* my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king? **19** But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife. **20** And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. **21** And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in *the one of* the twain. **22** And Saul commanded his servants, *saying,* Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law. **23** And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you *a* light *thing* to be a king's son in law, seeing that I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed? **24** And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David. **25** And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. **26** And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired. **27** Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife. **28** And Saul saw and knew that the LORD *was* with David, and *that* Michal Saul's daughter loved him. **29** And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually. **30** Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after

they went forth, *that* David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

1 Samuel 19:1-24 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. **2** But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret *place,* and hide thyself: **3** And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou *art,* and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee. **4** And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works *have been* to thee-ward very good: **5** For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest *it,* and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause? **6** And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, *As* the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain. **7** And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past. **8** And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him. **9** And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with *his* hand. **10** And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night. **11** Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain. **12** So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. **13** And Michal took an image, and laid *it* in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster, and covered *it* with a cloth. **14** And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He *is* sick. **15** And Saul sent the messengers *again* to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. **16** And when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster. **17** And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee? **18** So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. **19** And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah. **20** And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. **21** And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. **22** Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth in Ramah. **23** And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. **24** And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

1 Samuel 20:1-42 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what *is* mine iniquity? and what *is* my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life? **2** And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or

small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it *is* not *so.* **3** And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, *there is* but a step between me and death. **4** Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do *it* for thee. **5** And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow *is* the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third *day* at even. **6** If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked *leave* of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: for *there is* a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. **7** If he say thus, *It is* well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, *then* be sure that evil is determined by him. **8** Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father? **9** And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee? **10** Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what *if* thy father answer thee roughly? **11** And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field. **12** And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, *or* the third *day,* and, behold, *if there be* good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee; **13** The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father *to do* thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father. **14** And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not: **15** But *also* thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth. **16** So Jonathan made *a covenant* with the house of David, *saying,* Let the LORD even require *it* at the hand of David's enemies. **17** And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul. **18** Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow *is* the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty. **19** And *when* thou hast stayed three days, *then* thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was *in hand,* and shalt remain by the stone Ezel. **20** And I will shoot three arrows on the side *thereof,* as though I shot at a mark. **21** And, behold, I will send a lad, *saying,* Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows *are* on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for *there is* peace to thee, and no hurt; *as* the LORD liveth. **22** But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows *are* beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away. **23** And *as touching* the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD *be* between thee and me for ever. **24** So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat. **25** And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, *even* upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty. **26** Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he *is* not clean; surely he *is* not clean. **27** And it came to pass on the morrow, *which was* the second *day* of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day? **28** And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked *leave* of me *to go* to Bethlehem: **29** And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me *to be there:* and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table. **30** Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious *woman,* do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness? **31** For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die. **32** And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be

slain? what hath he done? **33** And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David. **34** So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame. **35** And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him. **36** And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. *And* as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. **37** And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, *Is* not the arrow beyond thee? **38** And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. **39** But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter. **40** And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry *them* to the city. **41** *And* as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of *a place* toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded. **42** And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

Psalms 11:1-7 To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David. In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain? **2** For, lo, the wicked bend *their* bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart. **3** If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? **4** The LORD *is* in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne *is* in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. **5** The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. **6** Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup. **7** For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

Psalms 59:1-17 To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him. Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me. **2** Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men. **3** For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O LORD. **4** They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: awake to help me, and behold. **5** Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah. **6** They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. **7** Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords *are* in their lips: for who, *say they,* doth hear? **8** But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision. **9** *Because of* his strength will I wait upon thee: for God *is* my defence. **10** The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies. **11** Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield. **12** *For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying *which* they speak. **13** Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them,* that they *may* not *be:* and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah. **14** And at evening let them return; *and* let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. **15** Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied. **16** But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. **17** Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God *is* my defence, *and* the God of my mercy.