

**David, Shepherd and King**  
**#14 David Deals with Death - 2 Samuel 1**  
**(4/11/10 AM)**

1. David Learned of Saul's and Jonathan's Deaths (2-6)

***An Inevitable Experience***

Everyone at some time in their lives will experience this. We will learn of the death of someone we love.

• **Saul's death was a direct \_\_\_\_\_ from God**

1 Chronicles 10:13-14, "So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the Lord, because he did not keep the word of the Lord, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance. But he did not inquire of the Lord; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse."

The great tragedy of Saul's death is that it did not have to occur that way. In John 21 Jesus revealed to Peter that he would die a martyr's death. John 21:19, "This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God." We glorify God in our death if we are walking in God's will at the time of our death.

**Saul Walked out of God's Will and Never \_\_\_\_\_**

• **The accounts of Saul's death appear to \_\_\_\_\_**

The events of Saul's death are recorded in three passages, 1 Samuel 31, 2 Samuel 1 and 1 Chronicles 10. This passage seems to contradict with the others. It is possible that Saul was still alive when this man came upon him. The fact that he is an Amalekite seems to confirm this. Saul was charged by God to destroy the Amalekites but disobeyed, 1 Samuel 15. It was at that time that Samuel told him the kingdom was torn from him. Now Saul ordered an Amalekite to kill him. Saul's sin also caused the death of Jonathan and his two brothers and many Israelite soldiers. The Philistines stripped their bodies and put their armor in their temple. They hung their bodies to the wall of Beth Shan.

**Saul Died In Defeat and \_\_\_\_\_**

2. David Mourned Saul's and Jonathan's Deaths (11-12)

***Death Is a Part of Life***

• **Grief is a normal and \_\_\_\_\_ response**

David did not rejoice over Saul's death but mourned for him.

When Samuel died the tribes of Israel "lamented for him",

1 Samuel 25:1. Jesus "wept" at the grave of his friend Lazarus.

As a Christian our grief is of a different nature.

1 Thessalonians 4:13, "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope."

Grieving is a process. There are definite stages of grief: shock, strong emotion, depression, guilt, anger, and eventually acceptance.

**It Is Not Unspiritual to \_\_\_\_\_ over the Death of a Loved One**

• **God has a \_\_\_\_\_ in our grief**

Ecclesiastes 7:2, "Better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men; and the living will take it to heart."

God isn't as concerned with our momentary happiness as He is with our spiritual maturity.

**Our Tears Give Us a Clearer \_\_\_\_\_ of God**

3. David Avenged Saul's and Jonathan's Deaths (13-16)

***This Was not Personal Vengeance but Divine Justice***

God invests His authority into human agents. God had earlier commanded that the Amalekites were to be destroyed. David was

Israel's ordained ruler. Romans 13:4-5, "For he is God's minister..."

• **The Amalekite was guilty of a \_\_\_\_\_ crime**

He had taken the life of the anointed king of Israel. David told him

"your blood be on your own head". God originated the death penalty. Genesis 9:6, "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be

shed; for in the image of God He made man.” In our culture we kill the innocent and protect the guilty. Ecclesiastes 8:11, “Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.”

**David Acted as God’s Appointed** \_\_\_\_\_

4. David Preserved the Memory of Saul and Jonathan (17-27)

***He Wrote a Song to Honor Them***

David’s eulogy focused upon the good things in Saul’s life. He made no mention of Saul’s jealousy or his mental instability. He acknowledged that God has used Saul. (23) “Saul and Jonathan were beloved and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided.”

Saul’s first official act as king had been to save the city of Jabesh Gilead from the Ammonites in 1 Samuel 11. 1 Samuel 31:11-13, “Now when the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul, all the valiant men arose and traveled all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth Shan.”

• **David had no** \_\_\_\_\_ **concerning Saul**

David’s sorrow was real and his spirit was clear. Too many people wait until it is too late to reconcile with a loved one. In David’s case there could be no reconciliation with Saul but David had done his part, Acts 24:16. David made special mention of his love for Jonathan (26).

Jonathan’s life was bound up with his father and though innocent, he also died on Mount Gilboa.

**Life and Death Are God’s** \_\_\_\_\_

Job 14:5, “Since his days are determined...” Psalm 90:12, “So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

David ultimately dealt with death by going on with life.