

DO YOU LOVE WHAT THE ONE YOU LOVE, LOVES?

TEXT: *1 Samuel 18:1 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.*

1 Samuel 18:20 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?

THESIS: To show that we should love what the Lord loves.

INTRO.: A. Did you ever notice that the couples who stay together and who really love one another have made an effort to love the same things? He loves to travel, so she loves to travel. She loves a certain kind of animal, so he learns to love that kind of animal. He loves the mountains, so she learns to love them too (that's real love! ☺). He loves the ocean, so she learns to love the ocean. (AMEN!) He loves sports, so she pretends to love sports. ☺ ! Those who stay together have many things in common. **"DO YOU LOVE WHAT THE ONE YOU LOVE, LOVES?"**

B. In **1 Samuel 18** it says that David was loved by 4 different groups or individuals. It says that **Israel & Judah loved David**. (That was an expectant, hopeful and expedient love.) It says that **Jonathan loved David**. (That was a surrendering, encouraging and protecting love.) He loved what the one he loved, loved. (Did you ever notice that the best Christians are those who love what the One they love loves?!) Then it says that **David was loved by Michal**, Saul's daughter (who later became his wife). (Her love for David was a selfish, possessive and fickle love.) **She didn't love David enough to love what he loved.**

TRANS.: We want to examine that concept this morning and I want to ask you if you love what your husband loves, or your wife loves, or your children love or your parents love, or that other person you say you love, loves. Most importantly I want to ask that question concerning the Lord: **"DO YOU LOVE WHAT THE ONE YOU (SAY YOU) LOVE, LOVES?"**

I. DAVID WAS A SON OF THE KING OF KINGS:

A. David Loved What His Father Loved:

1. David was an obedient son and loved what his earthly father had taught him – he was a shepherd.
 - a. God was preparing His child to tend a much greater flock one day, so he had to learn all about sheep.
 - b. He had to learn that they were stubborn, and stupid, but loveable creatures.
2. David was a loving son who loved what His heavenly Father loved.

ILLUS.: David knew that the Ark of God was the symbol of His presence among His people and that it had been neglected for years and was dwelling in a house, not in a permanent place. He was determined to bring back what God loved and had placed His presence upon.

B. David Loved the Things His Father Loved:

1. God had placed His Name and His presence in the Tabernacle and especially on the Ark.
2. David was jealous over what God loved and treasured.
 - a. David sought His Father's will concerning His enemies.
 - b. David brought back the Ark (symbolizing the presence of God) from the house of a mere man to the house of God. **1 Chron. 13:13,14**

ILLUS.: It is true that David here had more zeal than knowledge and it cost a man his life. The Ark was to be carried by the Levites, not on an ox cart! Jack Hyles said: **"I would rather do right wrongly, than wrong rightly!"** That would apply here. Finally David gets it straight and brings the Ark to Jerusalem, where it will eventually rest in a permanent dwelling place called the Temple of Solomon, his son!

3. More important than any piece of furniture, even the Ark, to the Lord, was His own people.

- a. The Tabernacle, the Ark, the sacrifices, etc. were all about the people and their need to worship the Lord and to love Him as He loved them.
- b. Thus David, must love what God loved – the people – and he did so and therefore became the most loved King of Israel.

QUOTE: "People don't care how much you love till they know how much you care."

- c. David was doing the same thing all soul-winners do; he was looking for a new dwelling place for God!

II. MICHAL WAS A DAUGHTER OF A KING AND THE WIFE OF A KING:

- A. King Saul Was a Picture of The Fleshly Man:
- B. King David Was a Picture of The Spiritual Man:
- C. Michal Was a Picture of a Person With 2 Natures:

- 1. Michal then was a picture of a person influenced by 2 natures, and dominated by the fleshly nature..
- 2. Michal reveals her weakness following her father instead of her husband.

ILLUS.: Jonathan loved David and he too was a son of King Saul, but **he loved what the one he loved, loved!** He had a surrendering, encouraging and protecting love for King David, in spite of his fleshly father.

Michal loved the things of the flesh more than the things of the Spirit. She still had idols in her home

- a. Michal had too narrow a view.
- b. She couldn't see the whole picture. **2 Sam 6:16,20**
- c. She did what all fleshly people do, they try to rob spiritual Christians of their joy.
- d. David refused to allow her to discourage him. **2 Sam 6:21**

ILLUS.: The hospital ICU is a depressing place: people are dying there. The maternity ward is a happy place, new life is there. The unsaved and the carnal Christian live in the ICU with death. The spiritual person lives in the maternity ward with new life. Soulwinners are happy saints! Carnal Christians are always criticizing, complaining and trying to kill the zeal and joy of others! Instead of focusing on what is right, they will find what is wrong. Instead of seeing a young convert and rejoicing, they find fault because they haven't grown up yet! The truth is it is the carnal Christian who hasn't grown up!

- e. Michal didn't love David enough to love what he loved. (Do you?!)

III. MICHAL BECAME THE BARREN WIFE OF THE KING: 2 Sam. 6:23

- A. She Had No Children:

- 1. The curse of any woman in Israel is that she was barren.
- 2. The curse of any Christian is the barren womb syndrome! No fruit. No children.

- B. She Missed Out on God's Blessing:

- 1. She didn't love David enough to love what he loved.
- 2. She didn't cater to the Spirit, she catered to the flesh.
- 3. She became a picture of a barren believer devoid of blessings.

CONCL.: Do you love the Lord enough to love what He loves?! **"DO YOU LOVE WHAT THE ONE YOU LOVE, LOVES?"** The Lord loves souls. Do YOU? The Lord loves sinners. Do YOU? The Lord loves saints. Do YOU? The Lord loves His Word. Do YOU? The Lord loves a cheerful giver. Are YOU a cheerful giver?

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