



9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

Discerning the Holy Spirit – 1st Samuel 18

I. vv.1-5

A. One good day for David...

- Kills Goliath
- Gets a Philistine sword
- Gets royal robes and another sword
- Makes a covenant with the heir to the throne
- Becomes a member of the king's household

B. Jonathan and David – A Lot Alike

- Youngish and capable warriors
- Took on superior Philistine forces
- Had a great trust in the LORD
- Knew Saul was mentally ill
- When did Jonathan know David was YHWH's anointed?

C. What does God-filled love look like?

- It's committed and shows up as a covenant
- It gives and receives gifts
- It doesn't discriminate or dominate
- It gives armor to fight with

II. vv.6-11

A. v.10 - Does God send evil spirits? How can God, who is good, send evil?

1. 1st Kings 22 – Micaiah, Ahab & Jehoshaphat vs. Syrians
2. Genesis 50:15-21 – Joseph and his brothers

III. vv.12-16

- A. v.14 - “success” and “wise” – Hebrew *sakal* used Genesis 3 – for fruit of the tree – Adam/Eve
- B. The word *sakal* is in OT 63 times and 5 are in this one chapter – only time in 1st/2nd Samuel
- C. Can you act wisely when the arrows and the spears are coming at you? Notice David continues to do his calling – twice had spears thrown at him

IV. vv.17-30

- A. Saul wanted to give his oldest daughter Merab to David and have David fight battles against the Philistines with hopes David would die
- B. Then Saul tries to marry off his daughter Michal; David hesitant b/c he has no “job”
- C. Saul continues being cunning and comes up with the gross foreskin plan
- D. David is doubly successful and makes Saul even more afraid
- E. vv.28-30 – David more *sakal* and Saul more fear

V. Chapter 19

- A. vv.1-7
- B. vv.10 – one spear too many
- C. vv.11-17 – Michal, like Jonathan, intercedes – Psalm 59
- D. vv.18-24 - The Holy Spirit comes to protect David - Could it be an attempt to heal Saul, but Saul won't accept it?

VI. Discerning the Holy Spirit

- A. Be a Christian – Ephesians 2:8-9
- B. Indwelt by the Holy Spirit - John 14:25-27
- C. Pray according to His will – 1 John 5:14
- D. Determine the false teachers - 1 John 4:1-3
- E. Be in His Word – 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- F. Confess your sins and cleanse your heart – Psalm 66:16-20
- G. Be Patient – Psalm 40:1-3

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