

The Toughest Trial is Just after a Victory

I Samuel 17:55-18:9

I. Review: The Victory

A. Remarkable Achievement (17:51-54)

David's victory was unprecedented.

1. Not yet _____ years old
2. No _____ match
3. No prior _____ training or experience
4. He defeated the Philistine's greatest _____
5. Had effectively _____ Saul and the whole Israeli army

B. Royal Interest (17:55-58)

1. Saul _____ the whole thing (17:55a)
2. Saul asked, "*whose son is this...?*" (17:55b-56, 58)
3. Saul was interested for two reasons:
 - a. Wanted David to remain with him
 - b. He had to award the prize referred to in 17:25.
 - Will enrich him with _____
 - Will give him his _____
 - Make his father's _____ in Israel

C. Instant Popularity (18:5-7)

1. Saul set him _____ the men of war.
2. He was _____ in the sight of all the people.
3. The women sang, "*_____ hath slain his thousands, and _____ his ten thousands.*"

II. Relationship: Four Different Experiences

A. David under King Saul: _____ (17:58; 18:5)

1. I am the son of thy _____ Jesse, the Bethlehemite.
2. David went out _____ Saul sent him.

B. David with Jonathan: _____ (18:1-4)

1. The soul of Jonathan was _____ with the soul of David.
2. Jonathan loved David as (_____) his own soul.
3. Four qualities marked this friendship:
 - a. A voluntary willingness to _____ (18:3-4)
 - b. A loyal _____ before others (19:4-5)
 - c. A complete freedom to be _____ (20:41-42)
 - d. A source of constant _____ (23:14-18)

C. David before the People of Israel: _____

1. Saul: (v.5) David was his _____.
2. Men of war: (v.5) David was their _____.
3. Servants: (v.5) David was _____ by Saul's servants.
4. Women: (vs.6-7) David was their _____ whom they sang about.

D. Saul vs. David: _____ (18:8-9)

1. Saul was extremely _____.
 2. Saul was _____.
 3. Saul was _____.
- Saul's treatment toward David was wrong and unfair. He had done nothing to deserve it.
 - God uses these opportunities to shape the hearts and character of his faithful servants.