

# David Laments Over Saul & Jonathan

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2 Samuel 1:17-27

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## The Art of Godly Lament

- Our culture avoids talk of death
- Death is a result of sin – it is not supposed to be this way<sup>1Cor15:25-26</sup>
- Jesus even wept over death<sup>Jn11:35</sup> – and he raised Lazarus
- David's lament is powerful and poetic
- David instructs others to remember

## The Shame of Sin

- David's words are gracious<sup>19</sup> in light of Saul's treatment of David
- David is thinking about God's Kingdom - Saul was glorious<sup>1S9:2</sup>
- How we should lament imperfect people - thank God for the good
- David laments public disgrace before the world
- David glories in God's true hope<sup>Ps118:8-9</sup>

## The Loss of Sin

- Why should mountains bloom when this has occurred?
- David remembers their victories<sup>22</sup>
- David honors Jonathan's faithfulness which cost him<sup>1S14:44;20:33</sup>
- David remembers how Israel prospered under Saul<sup>24</sup>
- The lament is to be remembered so they might know danger of sin
- Let us never forget the danger of sin<sup>Rom6:23</sup>

## A Personal Grief<sup>25-27</sup>

- David laments his covenant friend Jonathan
- Jonathan gave royal garments<sup>1S18:4</sup>, knew David to be king<sup>1S23:17</sup>
- Jonathan & David unlikely friends: age; families
- But they shared covenant bond in their God
- Ideas that love<sup>26</sup> was perverse says more about those who say it
- Bible never permits homosexuality – these were godly men
- Marriage intended by God to be most intimate relationship<sup>Gen2:18-25</sup>
- David didn't seem to ever achieve that:
- Michal – arranged political marriage<sup>1S18:20</sup>; taken away<sup>1S25:44;2S3:14</sup>
- David had multiple wives so didn't allow proper relationships...
- Did his weakness in marriage lead to trouble later<sup>2S11?</sup>

## So What?

- David's lament over Saul echos our story, story of Israel, history...
- The story ONLY finds its answer in Jesus!
- David's lament foreshadows the Greater King<sup>Lk19:41-42</sup>
- Jesus also wept over a fallen world, but He did something about it!
- Jesus didn't just mourn, He redeemed sinners!
- Jesus knows our sorrows and laments over our pain...
- But Jesus drank the wrath of God so we don't have to!