

Chapter 18

Dauid and Ionathas enter league of frendship. 6. Saul hearing Dauid praifed aboue himself is offended: 10. and vexed with an euil fpirit, attempteth twofe to kil him: 17. promifeth to geue him his eldefth daughter in mariage, but geueth her to an other, 20. and geueth him the yonger, thereby to ouerthrow him: 25. putting him alfo in more danger, by requiring of him an hundred prepuces of Philiftijms. 27. Dauid bringeth him two hundred, and his fame encreafeth.

And it came to paffe, when he had finished to fpeake vnto Saul, the foule of Ionathas was ioyned faft to the foule of Dauid, & Ionathas loued him as his foule. ² And Saul tooke him in that day, and did not grant vnto him to returne into his fathers houfe. ³ And Dauid and Ionathas entered a league, for he loued him as his foule. ⁴ For Ionathas ftipped himself of the cote wherwith he was clothed, and gaue it to Dauid, and the reft of his garments, vnto his fword, & bowe, & vnto his belt. ⁵ Dauid alfo went forth to al thinges wherefoeuer Saul fent him, & he behaued himself wifely: and Saul placed him ouer the men of warre, and he was accepted in the eies of al the people, and fpecially in the eies of Saules feruantes. ⁶ Moreouer ^a)when Dauid returned, after he ftroke the Philiftian, the wemen came forth from al the tribes of Ifrael, fing and dancing to Saul the King, in timbrels of ioy, and in cornettes. ⁷ And the wemen fang, playing, and faying: Saul ftroke a thoufand, and Dauid ten thoufand. ⁸ And Saul was ^b)exceeding angrie, and this word was difpleafant in his eies: and he fayd: They haue geuen Dauid ten thoufand,

^a This happened not immediatly after the victorie againft Goliath but when Dauid had dwelt fome time in Sauls houfe, and was very grateful to him and to al the court and people.

^b VVhen the praifes of one importe diminifhing of an other, he that is proud, as Saul now was, is moued to enuie and malice, more and more as the vertues of the other and his praifes do increafe.

and to me they haue geuen a thoufand: what remayneth for him but only the kingdom? ⁹ Therefore Saul did not looke vpon Daud with right eies from that day and afterward. ¹⁰ And a day after, the euil fpirit of God inuaded Saul, and he prophecied in the middes of his houfe. And Daud played with his hand as euery day. And Saul held a fpeare, ¹¹ and threw it, thinking that he could naile Daud to the wal, and Daud declined from his face the fecond time. ¹² And Saul feared Daud becaufe our Lord was with him, and was departed from himfelf. ¹³ Saul therefore remoued him from him, and made him a tribune ouer a thouand men, and he went out and came in before al the people. ¹⁴ Alfo in al his wayes, Daud delt wifely, and our Lord was with him. ¹⁵ Saul therefore faw that he was exceding wife, and he beganne to beware of him. ¹⁶ But al Ifrael, and Iuda loued Daud, for he came in and went out before them. ¹⁷ And Saul fayd to Daud: Behold my elder daughter Merob, her wil I geue thee to wife, only be thou a valyant man, and fight the battels of our Lord. And Saul thought faying: Be not my hand vpon him, but let the handes of the Philiftians be vpon him. ¹⁸ And Daud fayd to Saul: What am I, or what is my life, or the kindred of my father in Ifrael, that I fhould be made the fonne in lawe of the king? ¹⁹ And it came to paffe, at what time, Merob the daughter of Saul fhould haue beene geuen to Daud, fhe was geuen to Hadriel the Molathite to wife. ²⁰ But Daud loued Michol the other daughter of Saul. And it was told Saul, and it pleafed him. ²¹ And Saul fayd: I wil geue her to him, that fhe may be a fcan- dal vnto him, and that the hand of the Philiftians may be vpon him. And Saul fayd to Daud: In two thinges thou fhalt be my fonne in lawe this day. ²² And Saul commanded his feruantes: Speake to Daud fecretly out of my prefence, faying: Behold thou pleafest the King, and al his feruantes loue thee. Now therefore be thou the kinges fonne in lawe. ²³ And the feruantes of Saul fpake al thefe wordes in the eares of Daud. And Daud fayd: Doth it feme vnto you a fmal matter to be the fonne in lawe of a King? But I am a poore man, and of

final ability. ²⁴ And the seruantes of Saul reported, saying: These maner of wordes hath Dauid spoken. ²⁵ And Saul sayd: Speake thus to Dauid: The king nedeth no dowrie, but only an hundred prepuces of the Philiftians, that reuenge may be made of the kinges enemies. Moreouer Saul thought to deliuer Dauid into the handes of the Philiftians. ²⁶ And when his seruantes had reported to Dauid the wordes that Saul had sayd, the word was liked in the eies of Dauid, to be made the kings sonne in lawe. ²⁷ And after fewe days Dauid rising vp, went with the men that were vnder him, and he stroke of the Philiftijms two hundred men, and brought their prepuces, and numbered them to the King, that he might be his sonne in law. Saul therefore gaue him Michol his daughter to wife. ²⁸ And Saul saw, and vnderstood that our Lord was with Dauid. And Michol the daughter of Saul loued him. ²⁹ And Saul began more to feare Dauid: and Saul became enemy to Dauid al daies. ³⁰ And the princes of the Philiftians went forth: and from the beginning of their going forth, Dauid behaued him self more wifely, then al the seruantes of Saul, and his name was made renowned exceedingly.