

Choices

Friends for Life

If Saul hated David, Saul's son Jonathan loved David with all his heart. This was the brave young warrior, who with his armor-bearer went out alone to fight the Philistine army. Jonathan saw David's courage and nobility of soul and loved him with all his heart. He took off his own **royal robe**, his **sword**, and his **bow** and gave them all to David.



It grieved Jonathan greatly that his father, Saul was so jealous of David. He spoke to his father and said: "Let not the king do harm to David; for David has been faithful to the king, and he has done great things for the kingdom. He took his life in his hand, killed the Philistine, and won a great victory for the Lord and for the people. Why should you seek to kill an innocent man?" For the time, Saul listened to Jonathan, and said, "As the Lord lives, David shall not be put to death."

And again David sat at the king's table, among the princes; and when Saul was troubled again, David played on his harp and sang before him. But once more Saul's jealous anger arose, and he threw a spear at David. David was watchful and quick. He leaped aside, and as before, the spear fastened into the wall.

Jonathan loved David and promised to always be his friend. They promised to be friends forever and to help each other.



