

I. David's appeal (1-17)

- A. Jonathan does not appear to know about Saul's most recent attacks
- B. Solemn vow: I have done nothing to deserve your father's anger!
- C. The test: how will Saul react to David's absence? (see chapter 16)
- D. Show *chesed* to your servant! (8)
- E. Covenant (see 18:3)
- F. Do not cut off *chesed* to my house (vv. 13-17)

II. The Education of Prince Jonathan (18-34)

- A. The test and Saul's rage
- B. The warning

III. Chesed (35-42)

- A. Jonathan keeps covenant with David
- B. The rejected prince gives way to the chosen prince (see Genesis 4:8-12; 33:4)
- C. Therefore David will keep covenant with Jonathan
- D. Jonathan has chosen to say "Amen" to the verdict of God

IV. Agree with the verdict of God concerning his anointed Son

- A. On the cross, Jesus appealed to God's justice: "Into your hands I commit my spirit."
(Luke 23:46-47; Matthew 27:54; Romans 1:4; 1 Timothy 3:16)
- B. Who is this Jesus that we talk about all the time?
- C. Though it seem to cost you everything
- D. "He must increase, but I must decrease."
- E. Some notes on turning from the ways of your fathers to the promise of the Son.
- F. Faith: believing that though it makes no earthly sense, God will bless you through choosing to follow Christ
- G. A New Covenant
- H. In whom do you trust?