

David's Wife Despised Him

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2 Samuel 6:16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:20-23 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! And David said unto Michal, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD. And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

I. How did the situation and feelings change so much on her part from the beginning?

1 Samuel 18:20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

- A. She loved David because of his strength, his youth, and his heroic exploits – he was a prize to be had.
 - 1. All the women went out and sang about him.
- B. To have him as her own was to add to her ego and pride – of all the women in the kingdom he chose HER above all the others.
- C. It was not love, and it never is for this kind of “romance.”
- D. It was not because they were so much alike and had so much in common – they were total opposites.
- E. So the relationship started wrong.
- F. Then since then she has been used as a weapon by her father for his own evil intents toward David, and her feelings totally disregarded by him.
 - 1. This creates bitterness in a woman toward all men when she is treated this way and handed around as if she is a commodity or something.
 - 2. She was not right to start with, and the things of life that happen have turned her into a bitter woman who despises God and the man whom God has chosen and put his blessing upon as the king of his people.

II. Michal was the first wife of David – the wife of his youth.

- A. She was David's first experience with a relationship with a woman.
- B. God's design is for one man to marry one woman and that they remain faithful to one another until one or both of them die.
- C. That is God's order, but sin and selfishness do not follow God's order, and so it is a common thing among the sons of men that marriage becomes a nightmare experience and a crippling element in a person's life.
- D. Marriage is the will of God:

Proverbs 18:22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

1. But having a woman and having a wife are not the same thing.
2. Being a wife is a position in the order of God, and being a wife in the sense God created a woman for is not always what a man gets when he takes a woman to be his wife.
3. She can be the blessing of his life, or she can be the curse of his life.

Proverbs 12:4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

III. Marriage is a very dangerous road to go down and should be entered into only with the utmost care.

- A. The danger of marrying wrong is increased so much by the fact that people (young and old) will absolutely not listen to wise counsel concerning who they marry.
- B. Men pick a wife with their eyes, first.
 1. They set their eyes upon her and then their heart is captured and they go headlong into it removing all the warning signs of incompatibility, poor character, poor habits, lack of wisdom, lying tongue, unstable mind, etc.
- C. David was enthusiastic about obtaining Michal as his wife.

1 Samuel 18:20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

1 Samuel 18:27 Therefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter as his wife.

1. He wanted to be the king's son-in-law.
 2. He obviously thought it would make him part of the family, and therefore ensure his future peace and safety.
 3. We must wonder what David's life would have been like if he had not made this mistake and had married a woman with the same heart toward God as he had.
- D. In spite of it all, David must have had feelings for her, or felt responsible for her, because he would not accept the crown without her.

2 Samuel 3:13-16 And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face. And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines. And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Laish. And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

- E. But here is a truth that everyone better understand while you are still young:
1. Life brings many changes and there are many things that can and will happen that can break something that cannot be repaired.

1 Samuel 25:44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

2. The marriage relationship is different than all other relationships.

3. It is strong, yet fragile.
 4. It can withstand some things and become better and stronger for it.
 5. But there are certain things that can do damage that can never be repaired.
- F. A marriage is a life together that continues until death – it is an ongoing process.
1. And it is a process that cannot be restarted from the beginning once it has been run aground and wrecked upon the rocks.
 2. Why would anyone want to start again in the same place that was wrong the first time, anyway?
- G. Yet this is the only way the people of this world know how to try to make it after their marriage has been broken, damaged, and interrupted by sin, adultery, or alienated affections.
- IV. The basic problem with David and Michal is that they were not on the same page at all about God.
- A. She scorned and despised him for his worship and excitement and affection for God.
- B. The fact of the matter is that she despised God and the presence of God and the worship of God.
- C. She faulted David and accused him of the same thing her father had done – he had prophesied naked. (1 Samuel 19:24)
1. She associated David's worship of God with her ungodly father's phony religion.
- D. Michal simply did not know or care about knowing God, so how could they be compatible?
- E. The only way to restore a marriage that has been through what this one had is for both parties to know God and love Him and put Him first in their lives.
1. They both will then forgive like God does.
 2. They both can then really know what it means to love one another with true love and not adolescent, Hollywood, romantic infatuation, pride, and lust.