

OUR BELOVED KING

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Sermon Theme: The anointed king is a polarizing figure, which results in either a love for him that lives for the praise of his name; or a hatred that wants him killed. Those who believe in King Jesus love Him, serve Him, and are willing to be persecuted for Him, knowing that He will one day be glorified by all!

I. Beloved King David – Read 1 Samuel 18:1-30

- A. What do you think it means that Jonathan loved David as his own soul? What do you think is the significance of Jonathan making a covenant with David and give him his robe and armor?
- B. Read 1 Samuel 18:6-16. Why do you think Saul is so jealous? How would you compare Saul to Jonathan at this point in the narrative? What are all the ways in which they are different?
- C. Read 1 Samuel 18:20-30. What are all the different ways that Lord is with David and gives him success? What do you think it looks like for God to be with you and give you success?

II. Hated King David – Read 1 Samuel 19:1-24

- A. How do things escalate between Saul and David in verses 1-10? In what ways does Jonathan's words to Saul in verses 4 and 5 help us to better understand this entire story and conflict?
- B. In verses 11 through 17, Michal helps David escape to Ramah. In doing so, she lies to Saul in order to save David's life. What are your thoughts regarding Michal lies and Saul's response?
- C. As Saul continues to send messengers over and over again to kill David (vv. 11, 20, and 21), what is the significance of God's protection and some of the messengers prophesying?
- D. As you think specifically about Saul's kids, Jonathan and Michal, how would you explain their behavior against their father? How is this helpful as you think about your own parents? How is this helpful as you think about parenting your own kids? What lessons can be learned?

III. Beloved King Jesus – Application

- A. King David points forward to King Jesus. How is Jesus' life similar to David's life? Would you agree with the statement that Jesus is the most polarizing person to ever walk the earth?
- B. Jonathan gave up everything to follow Jesus. Jesus commands the same in Matthew 10:34-39. What are the hardest things for you to give up, or to continue to give up, to follow Jesus?
- C. Paul says that all who live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted (2 Timothy 3:12). What types of persecution are the hardest for you to endure as a believer?
- D. Read 2 Corinthians 2:14-16. What things must be said to have an aroma of Christ that leads to life? In what scenarios would you like to be more vocal with your faith? How is obedience to King Jesus and the motivation of eternal life helpful in sharing the gospel with others?