

## 1Samuel 20

### "Covenant Bonds in the Blood of Jesus"

***What is stronger than the blood and love that hold a family together? Pastor leads his family in yesterday's "Hopewell @Home" passage. In these forty-two verses, we learn that while God has created our families to hold together in bonds of love and blood, there is a greater bond in the covenant love and blood of the Lord Jesus.***

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First Samuel 20, these are God's words. Then David fled from Nayoth and Rama and went and said to Jonathan what have I done what is my iniquity and what is my sin before your father? That he seeks my life. So Jonathan said to him by no means you shall not die and need my father will do nothing either greater small without first telling me why should my father hide this thing from me, it is not so.

Then David it took an oath again and said your father certainly knows that I have found favor in your eyes, he has said do not let Jonathan know this lest he be grieved, but truly is you always and as your soul lives there is but a step between me and death.

So Jonathan said to David whatever you yourself desire. I will do it for you and David said to Jonathan indeed tomorrow is the new moon and I should not fail to sit with the king to eat but let me go that I may hide in the field until the third day and evening if your father misses me at all then say David Earnestly asked permission of me that he might run over to Bethlehem his city.

For there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. If he says thus it is well your servant will be safe but if he is very angry, be sure that evil is determined by him, therefore you shall deal kindly with your servant for you have brought your servant into a covenant of Yahweh with you.

Nevertheless if there is iniquity in me kill me yourself.

Sorry nevertheless if there is iniquity in me kill me yourself for why should you bring me to your father? What Jonathan said far be it from you for fine you certainly that evil was determined by my father to come up on you then would I not tell you that David said who will tell me or what if your answer and what if your father answers you roughly?

Jonathan said to David come let us go out into the field. So both of them went out into the field. Jonathan said to David you all way God of Israel was witness when I have sounded out my father sometime tomorrow or the third day and indeed there is good towards David and I do not send to you until you may always do so and much more to Jonathan but if it pleases my father to do you evil, Then I will report it to you and send you away that you may go and safety and you always be with you as he has been with my father and you shall not only show me the kindness of Yahweh while I still live that I may not die, but you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever, you know, not when you always cut off everyone of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.

So Jonathan made a covenant with the House of David saying Let you always require it at the hand of David's enemies. Now Jonathan again caused David DeValle because he loved him for he loved him as he loved his own soul. Then Jonathan said to David tomorrow is the new moon and you will be missed because your seat will be empty and when you have stayed three days go down quickly and come to the place where you hid on the day of the deed and remain by the stone Edsel.

Then I will shoot three arrows to the side as they saw to the target and there I will send a lad saying go find the arrows. If I expressly say to the lad look the arrows are on the side of you get them and come then as you all we lives there is safety for you.

No arm. But if I say thus to the young man, look the arrows are beyond you, go your way free all the way has sent you away. And as for the matter, which you and I have spoken of indeed Yahweh be between you and me forever. Then David hid in the field and when the new moon had calmed the king sat down to eat the feast.

Now the king sat on his seat as it does other times on a seat by the wall and Jonathan arose and abner sat by Sol's side, but David's place was empty. Nevertheless all did not say anything that day for he thought something has happened to him. He is unclean.

Shirley he is unclean. And it happened the next day and the second day of the month that David's place was empty. And Saul said to Jonathan his son. Why is the son of Jesse not come to eat? Either yesterday or today? So Jonathan answered. Saul David. Earnestly asked permission of me to go to Bethlehem.

And he said, please let me go for our family has a sacrifice in the city. My brother has commanded me to be there. Now if I have found favoring your eyes, please, let me get away and see my brothers. Therefore, he is not come to the king's table. Then souls anger was roused against Jonathan and he said to him you son of a perverse rebellious woman do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame into the shame of your mother's nakedness for as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth.

You shall not be established nor your kingdom. Now therefore sin and bring him to me for he shall surely die. And Jonathan answered Saul his father and he said to him. Why should he be killed? What has he done? Then call Saul cast a spirit him to kill him.

By which Jonathan knew that he was determined it was determined by his father to kill David. So Jonathan rose from the table in fear sanger and ate no food the second day of the month. For he was grieved for David because his father had treated him, shamefully. So it was in the morning that Jonathan went out into the field at that at the time appointed with David and a little lad was with him and he said to his lad now run.

Find the eras, which I shoot. As the loud ray and he shot an arrow beyond him. I want to add come to the place where the arrow was which Johnathan had shot Jonathan cried out after the lad and said is not the arrow beyond you. And Jonathan cried out after the lead may case.

Hurry, do not delay. So Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows and came back to his master but the lead did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew of the matter Jonathan gave his weapons to the lad and he said to him go carry them to the city. As soon as the lad had gone David arose from a place toward the south fell on his face to the ground and bowed down three times and they kissed one another and they wept together but David more so.

Jonathan said to David go in peace. Since we have both sworn in the name of Yahweh saying may always be between you and me and between your descendants and my descendants forever. So here Rose and departed and Jonathan went into the city. So far the reading of God's inspired and inherent.

So covenant is very important and who's son, you are is very important. Notice that Saul calls David over and over again thus son of Jesse by which he means to remind Jonathan that Jonathan is the son of Saul but Saul's love for and interest in Jonathan is not actually a personal interest in Jonathan even as much as it is more of the fact that Jonathan is Saul's son and since Jonathan in Saul's mind by the end of the passage is not interested in perpetuating perpetuating the, Household of Saul and the name of Saul and the Kingdom of Saul actually turns on his son and tries to kill him in the passage.

This is part of why when David and Jonathan are coming up with a plan to see if Saul's allegiance is going to be to the Lord and if all is not going to be murderous towards David David asks Jonathan the permission to to go to Bethlehem for his family sacrifice every.

Household would have the the monthly new moon sacrifice, of course. David only asks the permission Jonathan and the reports that David has asked the permission. David doesn't actually go. Because it is in the asking of the permission that they put to the test whether Saul is even going to turn on Jonathan.

It's actually not that much of a surprise to David Jonathan can't believe that his dad would be so murderous at the beginning of the passage but note that in their. In their plans. David does say well what if he answers you roughly in other words what if he turns on you who is going to come and tell me if you can't get out to me and Jonathan basically says I will get out to you no matter what he makes a promise before the Lord.

So blood is very important and household is very important, but there is a blood that is more important than having the shared blood of being in a family and there is a household that is more important than being all. Under the same earthly head and that is the blood of the covenant which we find out is not the blood of balls and coats, but ultimately the blood of Jesus Christ and it is the household of God.

And this is why Jonathan and David he preferring to this covenant of Yahweh and Yahweh as witness and that you shall show me the facade not just kindness, but covenant loves steadfast love covenant faithfulness of Yahweh verse 14. While I still live and you shall not cut off your facade from my house.

Forever in verse 15 and then what I just refer to up in verse 8, therefore you shall deal cassadly according to covenant law or faithfulness with your servant for you have brought your servant into a covenant of Yahweh with you end up in verse 3 as Yahweh lives and Yahweh be between you and me and your descendants and my descendants forever.

All the way at the end there in verse 42 and a couple of other mentions in the passage. Those whom you are closest to you are those who with whom you have the blood of the Lord Jesus and common the household that is your first and great household is the household of God in Jesus Christ in which you have brought been brought in by the blood of Jesus as sons and daughters.

Now thankfully in our household we are all part of the household of God and we trust in Jesus Christ and if you do not if you're part of one of those households and you don't come to faith in Jesus Christ and you end up out of the household of God and not having the blood of Jesus in

common with the rest of the family, then you become further from your own family your own house that you grew up in then you are from those who are part of the church who?

Believe in and belong to Jesus and our washed redeemed by his blood and joined to God in covenant by what Jesus calls the new covenant in my blood as we'll hear at the Lord's table on this coming Lord's day and so let us first of all see that God has bound us to himself with this steadfast love that is imitated by David and Jonathan having covenant love between one another because it was a couple.

Of Yahweh the Lord himself has cut covenant and committed himself in love that way and so let us to whom the Lord has bound himself see that he has bound us to him and love him with all our heart and be faithful to him and devoted to him and nothing can ever break us off or turn us against him and in the second place let us also have such a commitment to those who are his his church his sons and daughters and the Lord Jesus.

And let us rejoice that he if we give up mother or father or houses or lands or any such thing for the Lord Jesus Christ because he brings us into covenant with himself we get in this life a hundredfold mothers and brothers and houses and lands in this life with persecutions those two are part of belonging to the Lord Jesus Christ and our sweetened to us because they come because we are joined to him.

He has purchased us by his blood to be his very own and although there are maybe times where we have sorrow in this life there's great sorrow in this passages and there Jonathan and David having to say goodbye to forever it's even increased by the measure of love that they have for each other and they even.

They even noted that David wept even more for Jonathan and there may be times of sorrow and there may be times that the sorrow is because we love the Lord and his church so much like the saints under the altar in Revelation 6 in the fifth seal how long the Lord until you avenge the blood of the martyrs of those who are being killed for your sake or Jesus, so it's not that there isn't sorrow, but it is that we know that God has bound us to himself and to one another.

And the blood of Jesus and that sweetens for us even the sorrow until the day that there is no more sorrow, that's correct. Thank you. Lord for what you teach us here with pray that you would help us to see and remember and marvel at how you have committed yourself to us and to covenant love and covenant faithfulness.

Pray that you would help us to love your church and pray that there wouldn't be anyone in our family who doesn't come to faith and the Lord Jesus Christ but that we all would be even more eager and more glad and more committed to being part of your family by Jesus's blood then we are thankful and we are thankful that you have put us in this family by shared human blood merely human blood and so we pray that you would keep us together and that you would keep us.

In your love and help us to love your church and to count them as our family in Jesus as well, we pray that if we must suffer persecution for Jesus' sake. That you would gladden us by the fact that that is a fellowship that we have in him so that his blood and your covenant in him would sweeten even being persecuted and even dying for him if it ever comes to that.

Grant that your spirit would continue to. To. Make our minds and hearts meditate on this portion of your word make it take root in us and bear fruit in us we ask in Jesus name and your children here say. Amen.