

“Jonathan: Being a Person of Humility” ***Being a Stand-Up Person in a Bow-Down World • pt. 6***

1 Sam. 18:1-5

INTRODUCTION

- problems in relationships...
Jms. 4:1-2

“Cats don’t caress us; they caress themselves on us.”

- Jonathan, son of King Saul
1 Sam. 13:1-2; 14:6-15

- general observations
1 Sam. 18:1-5

a.

b.

1. Jonathan _____ David as _____.
Mt. 22:37-40; Rom. 12:3; Phil. 2:4

“I believe that the first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean by humility, doubt of his own power. But really great people have a curious feeling that the greatness is not in them, but through them. And they see something divine in others and are endlessly, foolishly, incredibly merciful.”
– John Ruskin

2. Jonathan _____ to David.
1 Sam. 18:3; 20:16-17

3. Jonathan yielded to David the _____.
1 Sam. 20:30-31
Jn. 3:30

“The only hope of a decreasing self is an increasing Christ.”
– F.B. Meyer

“The branch that bears the most fruit is bent the lowest to the ground.”

CONCLUSION

‡ discern your own humility before Christ...

1. We know we are growing in humility if we are weaned from ourselves. Are you preoccupied with your dreams, your plans, your will, or are you preoccupied with Christ?

2. We know we are growing in humility if we are lost in the wonder of Christ. When you think of Christ are you lost in awe and worship?

3. We know we are growing in humility when we do not complain about our circumstances, for the humble person knows that they deserve far worse than anything they might ever experience here.

4. We know we are growing in humility when we see the virtues of others while seeing our own weaknesses and sins.

5. We know we are growing in humility when we spend much time in prayer. The obvious characteristic of a physical beggar is that he’s always asking for help. So the spiritual beggar is always knocking on heaven’s door.

6. We know we are growing in humility if we take Christ on His terms. He live and work by His standard, not ours.

7. We know we are growing in humility if praise and thanksgiving pour frequently from our lips for His grace and mercy.

– Thomas Watson