

## **When David Comes Marching Home**

*1 Samuel 18*

***David apparently does not understand or know the wicked machinations of Saul's Heart***

***God protects and blesses David in ways he never knew***

***Everybody Loves David—except Saul***

***The song likely was not intended to humiliate Saul, Slaying 1,000 wasn't insignificant. The Song probably meant, "Saul has been a good warrior, David Exceptional." Yet Saul did not take it that way***

***David could have become the best ally Saul had. Instead of seeing David as an Ally, he saw him as a threat.***

***Saul grows increasingly jealous of God's blessing in David's life***

**David behaved wisely, 5, 14, 30**

**The people loved David, 1, 3, 16, 20, 22, 28**

**Saul was afraid of David, 12, 15, 28,29**

***Tried to destroy him, David likely did not know this***

**The LORD was with David, 12, 14, 28**

**Yahweh's favor and David's malice.**

***David probably couldn't see Saul' malice***

***Life will never be the same.***

**Silence of the hillside replaced by the noise of the palace**

**The solitude of the sheep by the multitude of admirers**

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### **After the battle, “Everybody Loves David,” Stratospheric Success**

***After the battle, Jonathan loves David, 18:1-4***

Significant age difference

Jonathan is the hero of the day in 1 Sam 14:45

*The word “save” is used three times of his activity (6, 23, 45)*

Jonathan divests himself of Robe and armor, 18:1-4

*This is a virtual abdication by Jonathan, the crown prince,  
20:13-17, 23:17).*

***After continued military success, everybody loves David,  
18:5, 16***

General statement, 18:5

Became commander over 1000, 18:13-16

His popularity continues to rise, 18:30

*Eisenhower, Colon Powell*

***After continued success Saul's Daughter, Micah loves  
David, 18:20***

### **Why did David continue to be successful?**

***Two reasons***

He did things wisely, 18:5, 14, 30.

The Lord was with him, 12, 14, 28.

### **After the Battle, “Everybody loves David,” Except Saul**

***The song that makes Saul seethe, 18:6-9***

***The spirit that makes Saul spear, 18:10-11***

Saul appears dangerous, but not malicious to David.

***The success that turns Saul sour, 18:12-16***

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***The sister that Saul uses to sting David, 18:17-19***

God protects David as he tries to earn the King's daughter, 17

But the King tries to frustrate David and gives his daughter to another, 18:19

***The other sister that Saul uses to "skin" David, 18:20-27***

See 18:25c

***David does not yet know of Saul's growing hatred***

**Saul wanted the praise of man.**

15:12, 15:24; 15:30

**David cared about the integrity of God**

***In battle with Goliath, 17:45-47, 50***

***He continued to be ever a "servant" of Saul, 17:34; 18:5, 10, 13, 17.***

**God wants you to love him and please him in private as well as public.**

**God wants you to see that he often protects his children from people with evil intentions.**