

# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## LESSON FOR MAY 9

### FRIENDSHIP OF DAVID AND JONATHAN.

LESSON TEXT—1 Samuel 20:32-42. GOLDEN TEXT—A friend loveth at all times.—Prov. 17:17.

There is perhaps no narrative in all history or literature which so perfectly illustrates the conditions of friendship as this which is before us. Jonathan was every inch a man; affectionate, sweet and tender, deeply pious and withal loyal to both duty and friends. His rights, as the king's son, he gladly set aside for David, whom he "loved as his own soul" (ch. 18:3; 20:17). Jonathan is a great type of the surrendered life (ch. 23:17).

I. David's Danger, vv. 32-35. Three times in the previous chapter (vv. 5, 14, 30) we read that David "behaved himself wisely." "Saul eyed David" (v. 19) and his jealous anger grew as he gave vent to his hate. Jonathan's desires for David drew the anger of Saul (20:30), but it only put him more upon his guard and made him more determined, if possible, to save both David and Saul.

Following David's escape (18:18) he consulted Jonathan regarding his safety (20:1-40). They renewed their covenant and swore fealty to each other and to those of their households (vv. 11-17). It is a standing rebuke that Christians treat so lightly their covenants with the church and with the world. David was safe at Noboth (19:18-24), for each company sent after him, and Saul himself, were hindered by the Spirit of Jehovah from carrying out Saul's foul designs. This seemed for the moment to humble Saul (20:1; Ps. 97:1). Jonathan, though great and mighty, was not strong enough to deliver his friend from the renewed wrath of his father. "Vain is the help of man." "Our help is in the Lord." Jonathan showed his true friendship in that he told the exact state of affairs to David (v. 10).

When Saul became convinced that Jonathan was taking David's part, he tried to kill Jonathan and reviled the mother who bore him (v. 30). In his loss of self-control Saul allowed David to escape. Even so, sin overshoots its mark. The contrast is a dark one to contemplate.

II. David Delivered, vv. 35-42. Jonathan did not revile again (v. 34) when insulted and assailed by his father, and his manifestation of just anger (for his mother was reviled) was quite different from that of his father. Any attempt to reconcile Saul to David (v. 34) was a useless exposure to danger and for Jonathan to be seen with his friend would imperil his own life. This explains the expedient of shooting arrows in the field. Jonathan shot his arrows "beyond," i. e., David must go "beyond" and out of the reach of Saul. David trusted Jonathan's fidelity (v. 23) when the test came, though Jonathan might have good reason for playing him false in order to promote his own interests.

Dismissing the boy, Jonathan drew near to David's hiding place, to the south of the stone Ezel (v. 41 R. V.), where a most touching parting took place between these two friends. First of all David bowed ceremoniously three times, touching his head to the ground, perhaps to show his unshaken loyalty to Jonathan as the king's son. This was but for a moment; as men of the East and friends, they rushed to each other's arms and wept for a long time. These were the manly tears of their love and emotion. It has been suggested that Jonathan should have accompanied David as God's elect (Feb. 13:13), but we feel that duty bade him to remain by the side of his sin-stricken father.

The Lessons of the Lesson. True friendship costs. God's love gave to the world his Son, Jonathan's friendship for David was costly, but was given gladly, not grudgingly. True friendship neither forgets duty nor neglects its desire towards the object of its love. It is not governed emotion, it is wrong. Not even a father or mother should lead us to wrong a friend. When David came into power he remembered the everlasting covenant made with Jonathan (II Sam 9:3). Our "Son of David" has made a similar covenant with us (Acts 16:31; 2:39). True friendship is of slow growth, but is not easily killed chilled by reverses, nor frozen by adversity (Prov. 18:24). True friendship is unselfish. It gives and does not seek.

True friendship is founded upon religion and the best friend, the idea friend, is Jesus Christ.

That friendship which is based upon oaths, ritual and dues, is not abiding nor true friendship, for it excludes all who fail to possess the same pass word or a sufficient amount of money. That friendship which is based upon expediency, or a quid pro quo, is by no means true friendship; it is as ephemeral as the morning mist and as frail as a chain of sand.

The friendship which has as its common center God's best boon, the friendship of his Son, will, if it is true and genuine, abide forever.

Today will be observed by many schools as "Mother's day."

## FRAGMENTS OF GENERAL NEWS.

Operation of the new \$2,000,000 plant of the Central Steel Co., at Massillon, Ohio, was begun Monday. There was a general celebration in the city.

Thousands of French girls have vowed to wed only men maimed in the present war, according to Julie Bois, a famous French writer visiting in Washington.

The Allied Brewers Trades Association, of London, in resolutions adopted recently bitterly denounced the plan of David Lloyd George for restricting the liquor trade in London.

Miss Martha Kleiner, 22, died at her home in Adams, Mass., from blood poisoning which resulted from the bite of a baby she was attending. Three weeks ago, Miss Kleiner went to Pittsfield and being fond of children she attended the baby in the household. While changing the infant's clothing she leaned down over the baby's face, and was bitten deeply in the nose by the baby and all efforts to prevent blood poisoning failed.

High-bred cattle owned by E. B. Reynolds, of Keyser, W. Va., while on their way to pasture on the Allegheny Mountains, ate some laurel along the roadside; four died before reaching the pasture and others were sick. The loss of these prize cows indicate that cattle kept in restricted areas do not know how to avoid shrubbery which is poisonous, while thousands of cattle in the State ranging in the mountains and along streams in reach of laurel every day, are never poisoned.

A ten-hour work day and no chickens. This would promote the back-to-the-farm movement, according to a Kansas farmer's wife in a letter to the Agricultural College of that state. She suggests that the Legislature enact laws of that kind.

The Senate Monday night by a vote of 44 to 6 passed the Child Labor Bill for which Governor Brumbaugh has labored so hard. The measure restricting child employment will become effective Jan. 1, 1916 as the governor promptly affixed his signature.

The State Department now refuses passports to all save those who have business in Europe. In addition to the billion dollars a year which the excess of export over import of merchandise is bringing to the United States, the country is now assured of the sum amounting to about \$250,000,000 which pleasure-seeking Americans ordinarily spend in European resorts and on trans-Atlantic steamships of lines, the profits of which go to Europeans. American shore and mountain resorts are sure to be crowded this summer. The Panama-Pacific Exposition is indirectly benefited by the war and American general business also gets an impulse to partially offset the evil effects of the beginning of the conflict.

How a German force which tried to surrender when its retreat was cut off through the destruction of a bridge across the Yser canal, was moved down by German guns, was related at Havre, France, recently, by officers returning from the front. An advance guard of 4,000 Germans forced its way across the Yser canal at Steenstraete. After they had crossed, the Belgian artillery which had the exact range, destroyed the bridge and cut off the German retreat. The Germans facing annihilation at the hands of the Belgians, tied white handkerchiefs on the barrels of their guns as the signal of surrender. At this moment the guns on the east bank of the canal were opened on them and hundreds were slaughtered. The remainder ran to the Belgian line and surrendered.

**MOST MINES BUSY.**  
In spite of the depressed condition plants at Hooversville, Ralphon, Jen- the mines of Somerset county are as active as at any time last year. The plants at Hooversville, Ralphon, Jen- ners and Jerome are working full time, the last named loading 95 big steel cars every day. The average number of cars of coal handled daily in the yards of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad is 450 big steel cars, being about all the yard superintendent can take care of with present facilities.

It is reported on reliable authority that the track facilities of the rail road yard will be very largely increased that the company may be prepared to handle the increased traffic development in the Jenner-Quemahoning field promised for next fall.

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