

A Person After God's Own Heart

3) The Devil's Wisdom

'And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt'

(1 Sam.18:4)

***'So the women sang as they danced,
and said: "Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his ten thousands." Then
Saul was very angry, and the saying
displeased him; and he said, "They
have ascribed to David ten thousands,
and to me they have ascribed only
thousands. Now what more can he have
but the kingdom?" So Saul eyed David
from that day forward'***

(1 Sam.18:7-9)

The devil's wisdom

'But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic

(Jas.3:14-15)

***'I will ascend into the heaven, I will
exalt my throne above the stars of God; I
will also sit on the mount of the
congregation on the farthest sides of the
north; I will ascend above the heights of
the clouds, I will be like the Most High'***

(Isa.14:12-14)

'a tree desirable to make one wise'
(Gen.3:6)

***'For where envy and self-seeking exist,
confusion and every evil thing are there'***
(James 3:16)

***'Now Saul was afraid of David,
because the LORD was with him, but
had departed from Saul'***

(1 Sam.18:12)

'And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played music with his hand, as at other times; but there was a spear in Saul's hand and Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice'

(1 Sam.18:10-11)

'Then Saul said to David, "Here is my older daughter Merab; I will give her to you as a wife. Only be valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles." For Saul thought, "Let my hand not be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him'

(1 Sam.18:17)

'Now Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. So Saul said, "I will give her to him, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David a second time, "You shall be my son-in-law today"'

(1 Sam.18:20-21)

'Then Saul said, "Thus you shall say to David: 'The king does not desire any dowry but one hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to take vengeance on the king's enemies.'" But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines'
(1 Sam.18:25)

***'For where envy and self-seeking
exist, confusion and every evil
thing are there'
(James 3:16)***

***'A sound heart is life to the
body, but envy is rottenness to
the bones'
(Prov.14:30)***

'But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace'
(Jas.3:17-18)

'Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross...'

'...Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father'

(Phil.2:5-11)

***'For to be carnally minded is death,
but to be spiritually minded is life
and peace...For if you live according
to the flesh you will die; but if by the
Spirit you put to death the deeds of
the body, you will live'***

(Rom.8:6,13)

***'Now Saul was afraid of David,
because the LORD was with him'***
(1 Sam.18:12)

***'And David behaved wisely in all his
ways, and the LORD was with him'***
(1 Sam.18:14)

***'Thus Saul saw and knew that the
LORD was with David'***

(1 Sam.18:28)

***'I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and
you shall not fulfill the lust of the
flesh'***

(Gal.5:16)

***'If we live in the Spirit, let us also
walk in the Spirit'***
(Gal.5:25)

'Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart'

(Gal.6:7-9)