FAILER'S

DAY



















Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

James 3:5-6

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4





Verses 1-14 tells a heroic story of Saul's son Johnathan in helping defeat the Philistines

Verses 15-23 Tell of how God followed Johnathan's bravery by causing panic and confusion amongst the Philistines with a very localized earthquake



Now the Israelites were in distress that day, because Saul had bound the people under an oath, saying, "Cursed be anyone who eats food before evening comes, before I have avenged myself on my enemies!" So, none of the troops tasted food.

I Samuel 14:24



It created distress amongst his troops
It was self serving not God Honoring
The only thing he was concerned about was his own petty revenge

It caused his men to sin

- Villainous-Condemned

Jonathan said, "My father has made trouble for the country. See how my eyes brightened when I tasted a little of this honey. How much better it would have been if the men had eaten today some of the plunder they took from their enemies. Would not the slaughter of the Philistines have been even greater?"

(v. 29-30)



An Ignorant Oath leads to an arrogant situation



Saul therefore said, "Come here, all you who are leaders of the army, and let us find out what sin has been committed today. As surely as the Lord who rescues Israel lives, even if the guilt lies with my son Jonathan, he must die." But not one of them said a word.

(v. 38-39)



God Remained Silent

Then Saul prayed to the Lord, the God of Israel, "Why have you not answered your servant today?

v. 41



Another Brash Statement

Saul said, "May God deal with me, be it ever so severely, if you do not die, Jonathan."

(v. 44)



NOT a God Said Moment!



An "I" Said Moment!



But the men said to Saul, "Should Jonathan die—he who has brought about this great deliverance in Israel? Never! As surely as the Lord lives, not a hair of his head will fall to the ground, for he did this today with God's help." So the men rescued Jonathan, and he was not put to death.

(v. 45)



Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned. I violated the Lord's command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them. Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the Lord." But Samuel said to him, "I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you as king over Israel!"

I Samuel 15:24-26



Being Tortured by an evil Spirit
Watching his successor be anointed
Rise in power right before his eyes
He would become obsessed with killing him
Ultimately Saul dies on the battlefield by falling on his own sword

