

The Pursuit and the Lament  
2 Samuel 1:17-27  
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**I. DESPERATE JEALOUSY**

- Saul's reign as king was introduced with \_\_\_\_\_ and yet a righteous \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of Israel. (1 Sam. 10:22; 11:6)
- God rejected Saul because of \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Sam. 13:13-14; 15:10-11)
- Saul's jealousy was heightened by an \_\_\_\_\_ sent by the Lord. (1 Sam. 16:14; 18:10-11)

**II. THE PURSUIT**

- David was first welcomed into Saul's house for two reasons: his ability to \_\_\_\_\_ Saul's spirit, and his victory over \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Sam. 16:19-23; 17:57-58)
- \_\_\_\_\_ times David had to avoid being speared in Saul's court. (1 Sam. 18:10-11; 19:9-10)
- Saul tried to eliminate David by making him a \_\_\_\_\_ so that he might be killed by the Philistines. (1 Sam. 18:12)
- Saul wanted David to marry his daughter in order to \_\_\_\_\_ him so that he might be killed by the Philistines. (1 Sam. 18:17, 20-21)
- Saul extended to his attendants a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. He also sent a regiment to David's house with an order to kill him. (1 Sam. 19:1, 11-17)
- \_\_\_\_\_ times Saul promised not to do harm to David only to break his \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Sam. 19:6; 26:21)
- Saul pursued David around a rock in the Desert of Maon, only to be interrupted by the news of a Philistine invasion. (1 Samuel 23:7-8; 26-29)
- \_\_\_\_\_ times Saul seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_ into David's hands. Both times David refrained from initiating his own vengeance on Saul because he was the Lord's anointed one. (1 Sam. 24, 26)
- The pursuit came to an end when Saul \_\_\_\_\_ on Mount Gilboa.

**III. THE LAMENT OF THE BOW (2 SAMUEL 1:17-27)**

*"How the mighty have fallen!"*

- \_\_\_\_\_ of Saul's pursuit was made in \_\_\_\_\_ lament.



- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the lament was reserved for Israel. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the lament was placed upon the battleground.  
v. 20-21 *"Tell it not in Gath . . . "Mountains of Gilboa, may you have neither dew nor rain."*
- Saul was \_\_\_\_\_ for his might in battle (and so was Jonathan).  
v. 21b *For there the shield of the mighty was despised,  
the shield of Saul—no longer rubbed with oil.  
22 the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,  
the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.  
23 Saul and Jonathan— in life they were loved and admired,*
- By honoring Saul as the \_\_\_\_\_, David strengthened the nation and the monarchy.  
(1 Sam. 24:6, 10; 26: 9,11,16, 23; 2 Sam. 1:14,16)

**APPLICATION:**

- Respect is \_\_\_\_\_. Honor is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The danger of humility is \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is at least secondary to God's will for us.

**WALK THE TALK //**



*This tool is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just "to know" but to "act upon what we know." (His Word, Our Walk!)*

*We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your Group. Although you can review it on your own, it will be most useful to you when processed with others!*

1. Think of something in the past that made you really happy and now does not mean much to you. Share your story about this.
2. How do you think David felt during the lengthy time that Saul pursued him? What was David's focus that saw him through this time?
3. How do you do with people in authority over you? Do you respect them? Do you honor them?
4. Consider writing a note, email, or letter to someone who has authority over you to honor them for the positive traits they display.