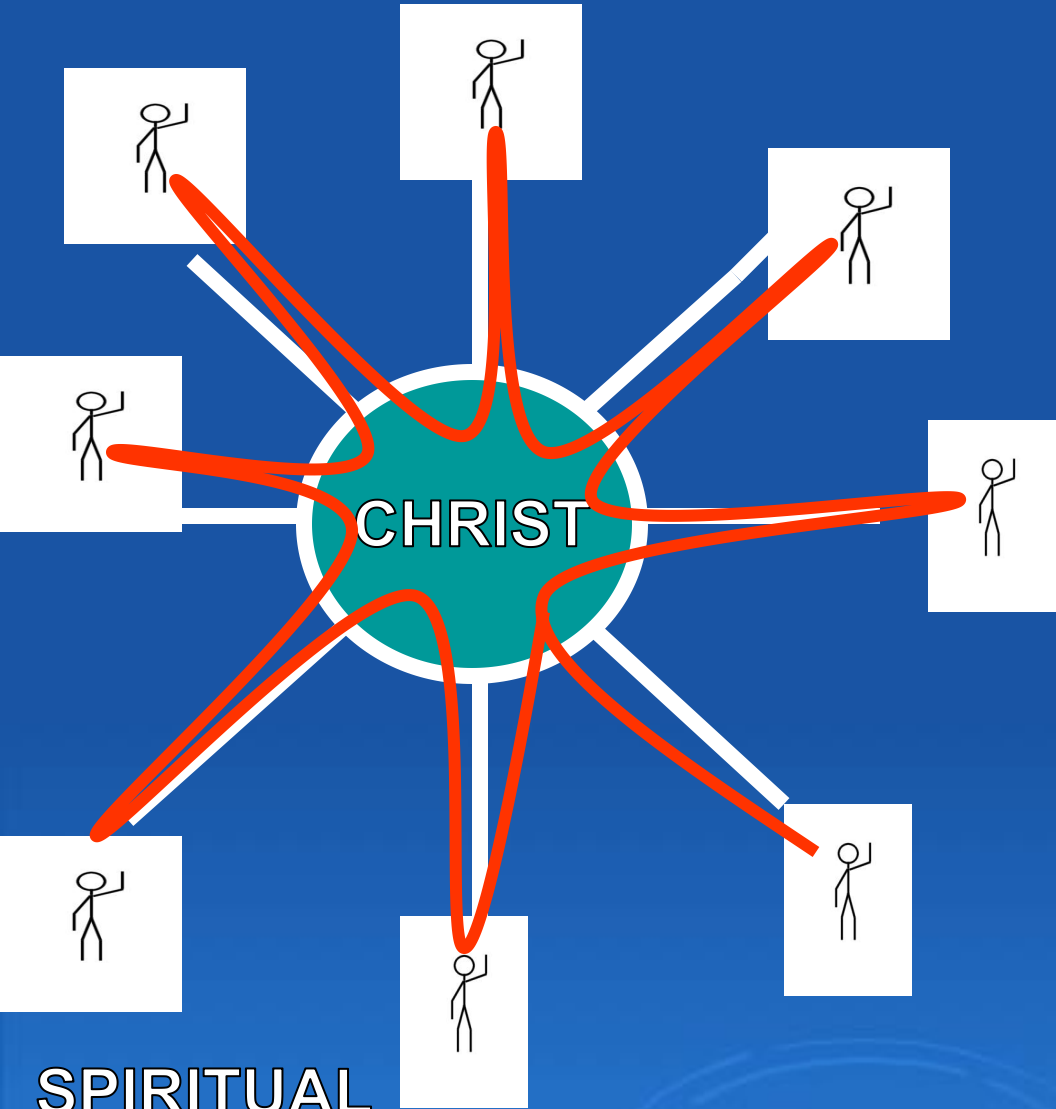


# UNITY THRU CHRIST

# UNITY AMONG MEN



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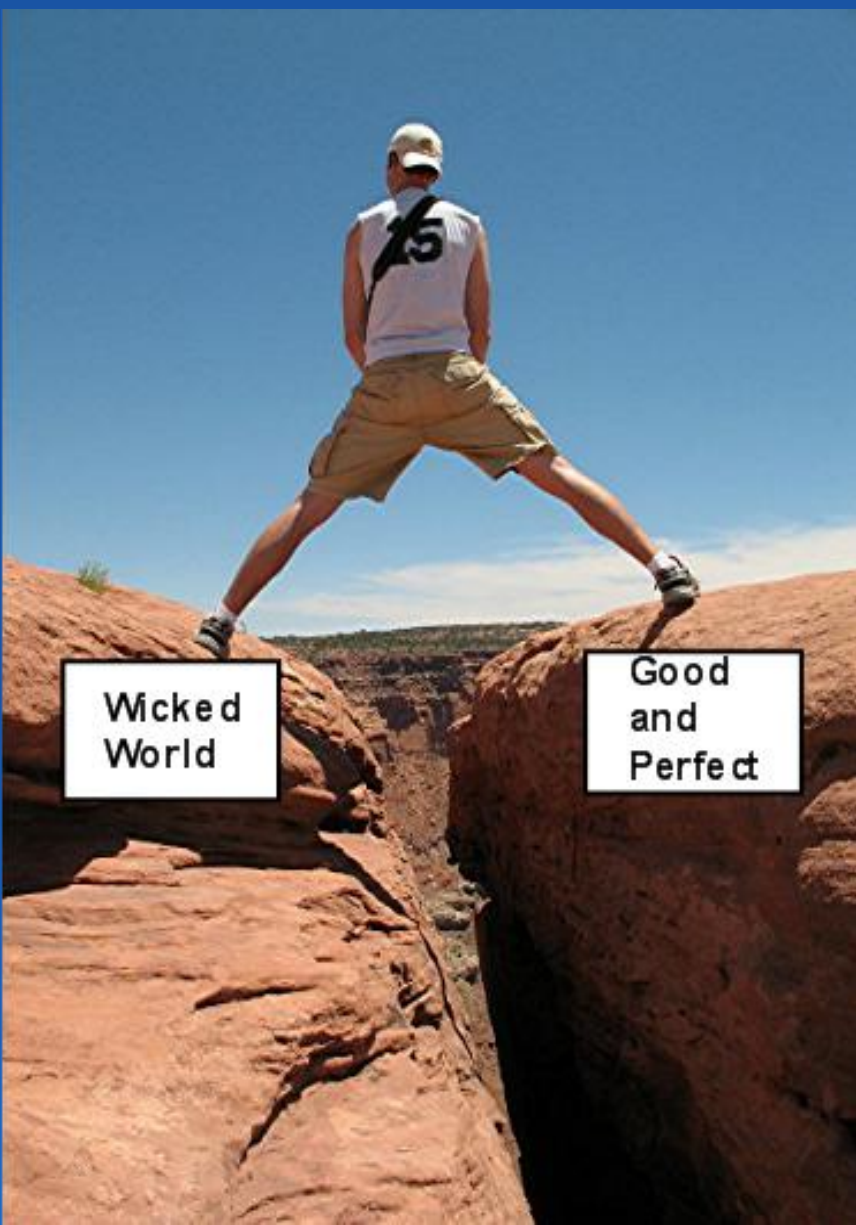
MAN TO CHRIST TO MAN



BOND OF FRIENDSHIP

MAN TO MAN TO MAN

# JONATHAN'S DILEMMA IS OURS



- **David** = prototype of future Messiah
- **Saul** = prototype of future anti-Messiah
- It is man's way to seek to have one foot in the world and the other in heaven
- God is polarizing mankind
- Eventually we must choose
- Jonathan giving David his cloak and armor signified
  - 1) a covenant of friendship
  - 2) putting he and David on the same political level

# *“David.....no matter where Sha’ul sent him he was successful”*

- David was NOT supposed to be successful, he was supposed to die!
- “Saul has killed his 1000’s, David his ten thousands....”
- This fostered a lethal distrust in David
- Saul decided he must do away with this potential rival



# SAUL'S SPEAR IS HIS SCEPTOR

- Saul's efforts to dispose of David are constantly thwarted
- Saul hurls his spear at David, twice
- The spear had become Saul's symbol of power
- Major theme: the reason for all that is happening is because **GOD IS WITH DAVID** (and is against Saul)



## Kingdoms of Israel and Judah

0 10 20 30 40 miles  
0 10 20 30 40 kilometers



# ISRAEL AND JUDAH

- Israel = northern tribal coalition
- Judah = southern tribal coalition
- Except for an 80 year period under David and Solomon, the 12 tribes were always divided into two main “kingdoms”
- After Solomon died “Israel” became called “Ephraim”
- “Judah” remained “Judah”

# SAUL EXPLOITS HIS DAUGHTERS TO ENSNARE DAVID



- Saul OWED one of his daughters to David as prize for killing Goliath 1Sam. 17:25
- Saul promised Merav to David if David agreed to continue fighting “Yehoveh’s battles”
- Not every battle against gentile nations was Holy War
- Saul used God’s name for manipulation
- We must be careful NOT to do the same!

# KING SAUL GIVES MERAV TO ANOTHER MAN

- David responds to Saul's offer of his daughter Merav by saying he has no rank in Israel
- David's family DOES have rank (status) in Judah, but NOT in Israel
- Judah was poorer territory than much of the north
- King Saul gives Merav to Adriel the Melochati



# KING SAUL OFFERS MICHAL TO DAVID



- Michal loved David, and Saul saw this as an opportunity
- King Saul sends representatives to offer his daughter to David
- Saul asks for the foreskins of 100 Philistines as a bride-price
- David delivers 200
- 2Sam.3:14
- Sha'ul is suffering from extreme frustration by not being able to deal with David



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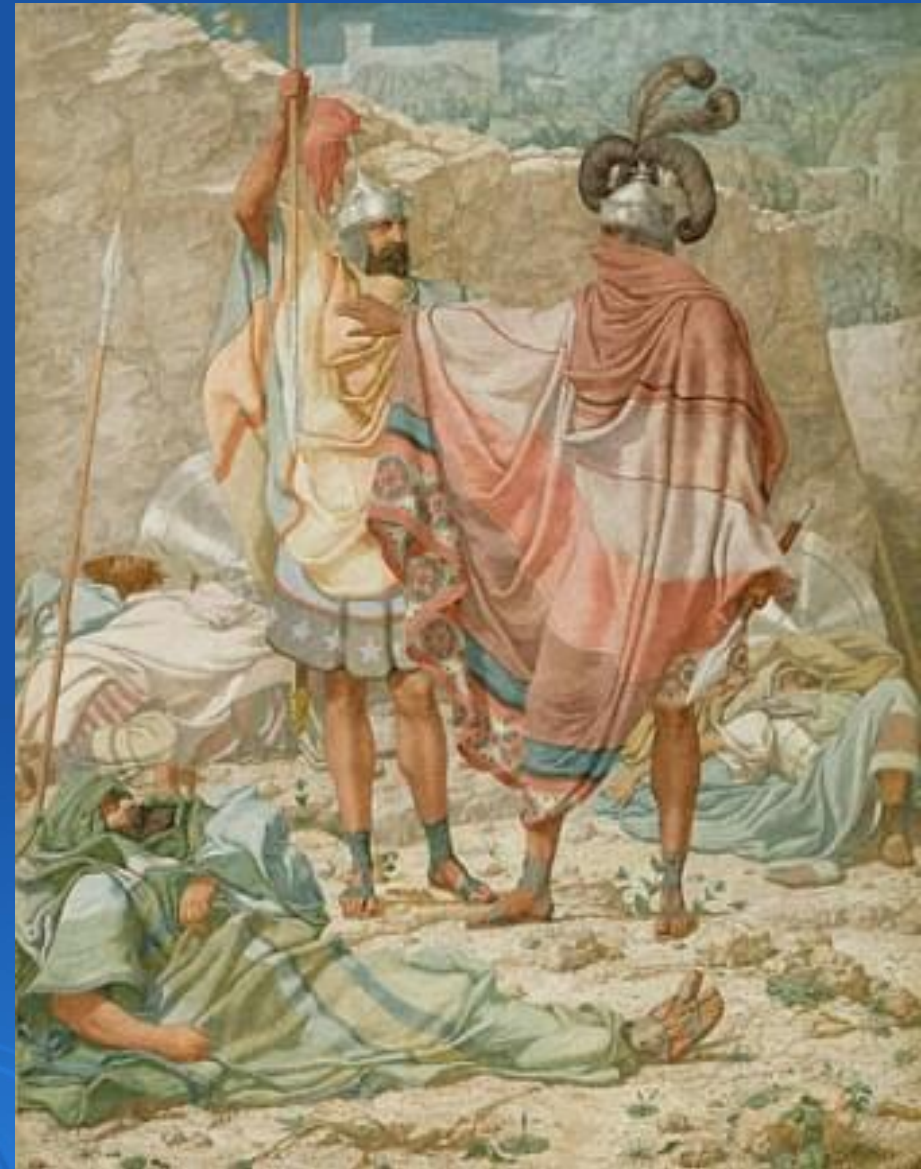
## DAVID BECOMES SAUL'S ENEMY

- King Saul made David an official enemy of the Kingdom
- Sha'ul miscalculated his own popularity
- Jonathan immediately told David about his father's murderous plans
- Jonathan faced a terrible choice: loyalty to his father, or loyalty to God's anointed
- Matt. 10:34
- John 16:1



# JONATHAN ATTEMPTS MEDIATION

- Jonathan tells David to hide in a nearby field
- He explains to King Saul that David has not sinned against Saul and is loyal
- Jonathan concludes that Saul will carry bloodguilt if he kills David
- The only solution for bloodguilt is to kill the guilty party....Saul !!



# KING SAUL SWEARS AN OATH NOT TO KILL DAVID



- *“As YHWH lives, he shall not be killed!”*
- This is more than a rash vow, it is a lie
- This was a deception to make Jonathan think he would not harm David
- Jonathan tells David things are OK, and brings him back to the palace