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Acts 6: 4 ASV

## Jehovah loved him

### A Message for Adults

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- The father of David was Jesse a Bethlehemite, son of Obed who was the son of Boaz and Ruth, and the 10<sup>th</sup> in direct descent from his father Jacob. We are not told as much about Jesse as we might like. He is already an old man when we first see him, and it is remarkable that we are told nothing about David's mother. God breathed these words showing Jesse's sole interest to us is that he had David among his sons. We bow to this old Bethlehemite because of the branch that grew out of his roots.

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- Jehovah sees not as man sees, and worked in a way strange to our eyes. We would not have committed our coming king to Jesse to bring up. Lonely sheepfolds are a strange school for a future king.
- The first day Jonathan and David ever saw one another was on the day when Goliath fell under David's sling. Jonathan stood beside his father Saul, spectator of the never to be forgotten scene. Brave, bold and practiced in war, as Jonathan was, he had not been bold enough to

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face the gigantic braggart. Along with all the army on both sides he had been astounded to see a Bethlehemite fresh from his father's sheep, step into the open to face the champion of the opposing host. Jonathan's heart went out to David, and his soul was knit to David. Things of the same kind are knit together; things that are of the same substance, and fibre, and texture, and strength, and endurance. You knit a threefold cord to a threefold cord. Jonathan's soul was a chain of gold, of the same size, and strength, and purity, and beauty of David's soul.

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Jonathan, being the elder man, longed for a soul like David, and the friendship knit that day has been example of all true friendships among men ever since.

- Saul's servants said to him, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. Let our Lord seek out a man who is a cunning player on a harp; and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit is upon thee, he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. Saul sent to Jesse, and said, send me David thy son, which is with the sheep. And it came to pass, when the evil spirit was upon

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thee, he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. Saul sent to Jesse, and said, send me David thy son, which is with the sheep. And it came to pass, when the evil spirit was upon Saul, David took the harp and played, and Saul was refreshed and well. Plenty of shepherd boys had a harp, but there were none in all Israel who could make his harp play and work cures like David. David's harp sounded farther than he ever dreamed. The Lord was with him. In His name, what your hand finds to do, do it with all your might to Him who slumbers not nor

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sleeps.

- The 18<sup>th</sup> chapter of First Samuel contains some of the most difficult and dangerous passages in David's life. Four times in that chapter David's wisdom is remarked on. David went withersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely. After the foolish women aroused Saul's envy endangering David's life with thoughtless songs and silly dances, we read again that David behaved himself wisely in all his ways. When Saul saw David behaved himself very wisely, Saul was afraid of David.

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Summing up David's residence at Saul's difficult and dangerous court, the sacred writer says David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul. David's name was celebrated for his wisdom.

- Saul had promised his daughter to the man who should rid him of Goliath. David had done that. Brought out by this matter of marriage was Saul's diabolical design to get David murdered. Think of Saul's feelings when he looked up and saw David stand on the spot where he had just risen from sleep, with his sword in one hand



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and the skirt of his robe in the other. When Saul looked up, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself; saying see the skirt of thy robe in my hand and know that some bade me kill thee, mine eye spared thee. I will not put mine hand against my lord for he is the Lord's anointed. David enters Saul's court. It was divine nature in David.

- Never were man and wife more unequally yoked than was David, the man after God's own heart, with Michal, Saul's daughter. The greatest day of David's life was a day of death

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to Michal. You must understand all the ark of God was to David, and the home bringing with sacrificed oxen and fatlings. David was beside himself, leaping and dancing before the Lord till Michal despised him in her heart. Had she worked for the day with her own hands; she too would have sung and danced. Being the woman she was, having the husband she had, Michal could not but feel both scorn and affliction that day. They were never made for one another. It was impossible they could ever be happy as man and wife. Michal was proud

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and cold as if she had been the daughter of Lucifer, as indeed she was; a divine looking glass for all angry and outspoken wives. What a gulf there was between David and Michal; between Jesus and His brethren. The Holy Ghost knew what He was doing, and for whom He was doing it; when He put that day in David's life into our sacred Scriptures; and this;  
19 husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Colossians 3: 19 ASV

- **Michal, 1st wife** of David, youngest daughter of King Saul. <sup>27</sup> David arose and went, he and his

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men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

I Samuel 18: 27 ASV

- **Abigail**, a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance, **2nd wife** of David, widow of Nabal a man churlish and evil in his doings. <sup>42</sup> Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that followed her; and she went after the

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messengers of David, and became his wife.

I Samuel 25: 42 ASV

- **Ahinoam**, one of five damsels that followed Abigail, **3rd wife** of David. <sup>43</sup> David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they became both of them his wives. I Samuel 25: 43 ASV ; <sup>44</sup> Now Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was of Gallim.

I Samuel 25: 44 ASV

- **Amnon**, **1st son** of David; Ahinoam was his mother. <sup>2</sup> And unto David were sons born in

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Hebron: and his first-born was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess. II Samuel 3: 2 ASV ; 1 Now these were the sons of David, that were born unto him in Hebron: the first-born, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess. I Chronicles 3: 1 ASV He dishonored his half sister Tamar and was slain by Absalom (II Samuel 13).

- ***Chileab, 2nd son*** of David; Abigail was his mother. 3 His second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. II Samuel 3: 3 ASV ; 1 The second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelites.

I Chronicles 3: 1 ASV

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- **Maacah 4<sup>th</sup> wife** of David. <sup>2</sup> Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur.

I Chronicles 3: 2 ASV

- ***Absalom, 3rd son*** of David; Maacah was his mother. <sup>3</sup> The third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur.

II Samuel 3: 3 ASV <sup>25</sup> Now in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

<sup>26</sup> And he cut the hair of his head (at every year's end; because it was heavy on him); he

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weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels, after the king's weight. <sup>27</sup> And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance. II Samuel 14: 25-27 ASV

- **Haggith 5<sup>th</sup> wife** of David. I Chronicles 3: 1 ASV
- ***Adonijah***, translates my Lord is Yahweh, **4<sup>th</sup> son** of David; Haggith was his mother. 4 The fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith. II Samuel 3: 4 ASV ; 2 The fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith.  
I Chronicles 3: 1 ASV Made an unsuccessful bid for the



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Amnon and Absalom; without knowing David's promise to Bath-sheba, their son would succeed him; <sup>17</sup> my lord, thou swarest by Jehovah thy God, Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. I Kings 1: 17 ASV

- **Abital 6<sup>th</sup> wife** of David. I Chronicles 3: 3 ASV
- ***Shephatiah***, translates Jehovah has judged, **5<sup>th</sup> son** of David; Abital was his mother. <sup>4</sup> the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital. II Samuel 3: 4 ASV ;  
<sup>3</sup> the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; I Chronicles 3: 3 ASV

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- **Eglah 7<sup>th</sup> wife** of David. I Chronicles 3: 3 ASV
- ***Ithream, 6<sup>th</sup> son*** of David; Eglah was his mother. 3 The sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife.  
I Chronicles 3: 3 ASV
- **Bath-sheba 8<sup>th</sup> wife** of David. 24 David comforted Bath-sheba his wife. II Samuel 12: 24 ASV
- ***Shimea, 7<sup>th</sup> son*** of David; Bath-sheba was his mother.
- ***Shobab, 8<sup>th</sup> son*** of David; Bath-sheba was his mother.

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- ***Nathan***, **9<sup>th</sup>** son of David; Bath-sheba was his mother.
- ***Jedidiah***, translates Jehovah loved him, **10<sup>th</sup> son** of David; Bath-sheba was his mother.

24 David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son. And Jehovah loved him; 25 and he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, for Jehovah's sake.

II Samuel 12: 24-25 ASV

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- **Text:** I Chronicles 3: 1-10 ASV

<sup>1</sup> Now these were the sons of David, that were born unto him in Hebron: the first-born, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess; <sup>2</sup> the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; <sup>3</sup> the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife: <sup>4</sup> six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months. And in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years; <sup>5</sup> and these

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were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bath-shua the daughter of Ammiel; <sup>6</sup>and Ibhar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet, <sup>7</sup>and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, <sup>8</sup>and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. <sup>9</sup>All these were the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines; and Tamar was their sister.

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