

**“Women of the Bible” (#3)**  
**“MICHAL”**

[ COMPASSION TO CONTEMPT ]

A believer does not have to be a product or victim of his environment, parental neglect or abuses, circumstance of life, or past bad choices.

**Every Church Age Believer (CAB) is a product of God’s Amazing Grace!**

(Eph.2:8-9) “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

**New beginnings:**

(2 Cor.5:17) “Therefore if (1cc) [true] anyone is in Christ, he is a new (kainos / n.s.f) creature (krisis); the old things (ta archaios / n.pl.n) passed away (parechomai / a.a.ind.3ps); behold, new things (kainos / n.pl.n) have come (ginimai / perf.a.ind.3ps).”

**QUESTION:** What happened between these two married lovers to caused compassion to turn into contempt? (S.O.S 4:9-11)

**PRINCIPLE:** “Don’t connect your self-worth or happiness to the events of your life; rather attach them to the new man in the Lord and His Divine Will.

(Col.3:10) “And have **put on the new self** who is being renewed to a true knowledge (epignosis) according to the image of the One who created him.” (Rom.12:2)

<b>This lesson will study three aspects of Michal’s compassion turning into contempt for David.</b>
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**Note: “There is always a story behind a story”**

**1. There are eight key events of the story behind the story of (2 Sam.6:16-23).**

- (1 Sam.17:25-27) Saul rewards David for killing Goliath.
- (1 Sam.18:12-16) Saul’s awareness of God’s anointing of David.
- (1 Sam.18:17-19) Saul leaves David at the altar in his marriage to Merab.
- (1 Sam.18:20-30) Michal loves David; dowry of 100 foreskins for Saul.
- (1 Sam.19:11-24) Saul tried to kill David on their honeymoon – Michal risks her life for David.
- (1 Sam.25:42-44) David is made a fugitive by Saul; and Saul married Michal off to another man.
- (2 Sam.3:13-16) David becomes king of all Israel, his first act was to demand Michal be returned to him like a piece of property from the house of Saul.
- (2 Sam.3:1-5, 14) Final straw: David makes Michal his seventh wife, not his first! (Matt.19:6)

## 2. Now we examine the story of our lesson text by the following six points.

- (2 Sam.6:16) Michal despised (bazah / kal impf 3fs) David! [broken and contrite heart] (Heb.12:2-3).
- (2 Sam.6:17-19) Once she was attracted to David's spiritual life and ministry but now she loathes him.
- (2 Sam.6:20a) David was once excited to share his spiritual life with Michal and tried it again.
- (2 Sam.6:20b) In his greatest day of spiritual triumph, she expressed her greatest contempt towards him. Michal expressed her built-up baggage of contempt and bitterness; and a carnal war ensued.
- (2 Sam.6:21-22) David became defensive of rejection (OSN) and engaged in OMCD baggage pain counter-attack (Heb.12:15).
- (2 Sam.6:23) Both ended up isolated and alone in marriage!

(Gen.2:18) "It is not good for the man to be ALONE; **I will make him a helper suitable for him.**"  
(Matt.19:6)

## 3. We will offer seven doctrinal solutions which could prevent (correct) these two believers from getting into such high drama (trauma) and into such a hopeless state in their marriage.

- They understood the **importance of the Faith Cycle**. He learned it with the bear, lion, Goliath, Saul, and as a soldier of warfare.
  - (1 Sam.17:36-37) "Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God. The Lord will deliver me." (2 Cor.5:7) **THEY STOPPED APPLYING IT TO THEIR LIVES!**
- They understood there would be **tribulations (Angelic Conflict)** in the world.
  - (Luke 22:31) "In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."
  - (1 John 5:4) **THEY TOOK THEIR EYES OFF THE OVERCOMER (Heb.12:1-2).**
- They understood doctrinally that **trials and tribulations develop spiritual growth capacity**. (Rom.8:28, 37-39; 1 Pet.1:6-9; 4:12-14).
- They understood doctrinally that **spiritual warfare can never be won** according to the flesh (OSN) or according to worldly thinking. (2 Cor.10:3-7; Gal.5:16-17; Eph.4:22-24) (OMCD)
- They understood doctrinally that they were to **forgive as forgiven (Eph.4:30-32; Isa.1:18)**.
- They understood doctrinally (**Deut.24:1-4**) regarding a (second) remarriage.
- They understood doctrinally the "Hope" given to them.
  - (1 Sam.13:14a) "The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart." (Acts 13:22)
  - (**2 Tim.2:13**) "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for **He who promised is faithful.**" (**Heb.10:23**) "If we are faithless, **He remains faithful**, for He cannot deny Himself."
  - (Ps.147:3) "**He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**" (Isa.61:1; Luke 4:18)