

### ~ABSENCE (33)

[English, non-attendance, non-appearance, Opposite of, presence]

- Here Jonathan told his father Saul falsely that David had requested leave of **absence** from his duties before Saul.
- If your father should miss me at all, then you must say; David earnestly asked leave of **absence** of me to run to Bethlehem his city, because there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. (1 Samuel 20:6)
- So Jonathan answered Saul; David earnestly asked leave of **absence** from me to go to Bethlehem. (1 Samuel 20:28)
- Nehemiah requested a leave of **absence** from King Artaxerxes to attend to the affairs of his people there in Jerusalem.
- And during all this time I did not happen to be in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king of Babylon I came to the king, and sometime later I asked leave of **absence** from the king. (Nehemiah 13:6)
- Here Paul contrasts the Greek word Parousia, or presence with absence, its opposite. So if presence means being with, then absence means not being there. Therefore Christ's presence means being there.
- Consequently, my beloved ones, in the way that you have always obeyed, not during my presence only, but now much more readily during my **absence**, keep working out your own salvation with fear and trembling. (Philippians 2:12)