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Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 21_3c - **PSALMS**

Passage: Psalms 3

Disciples Meditate

MEDITATION #3 on Psalm 3

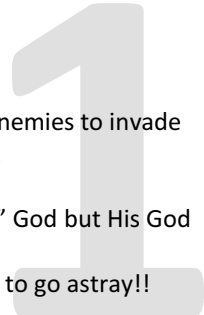
Sin, Sovereignty, and Responsibility

Between 11:27 and 12:1

- David refused to **CONFESS** his sin for about a year.
- (Psalm 32:3-4) This was not a year of happiness but one of misery!
 - God's, his Father's, hand was **HEAVY** upon him.
 - Instead of **OVERFLOWING** with **JOY**, David's life was **DROUGHT**.
- **SIN PROMISES HAPPINESS BUT NEVER DELIVERS IT.**
- (Psalm 51:12) David had lost the **JOY** of **REAL FELLOWSHIP** with God. He was learning that **REAL JOY** and **REAL HAPPINESS** in **ONLY** found in God. (See Psalm 73:25-26)
- God disciplines those He **LOVES**. (Hebrews 12:5-11; Deuteronomy 8:5; Proverbs 3:12; 29:17)
- This is why it is **IMPOSSIBLE** for a child of God to continue in sin. (1 John 3:6, 9)

"Then the LORD Sent . . ." (1 Samuel 12:1)

- Probably, at least, a year has past.
- One would think that after 11:27 God would send enemies to invade David and bring terror to David and the kingdom.
- **BUT** God sends His prophet!
- Yahweh **SENT** Nathan to **DAVID**! David may "forget" God but His God will **NOT** "forget" Him.
 - Yahweh, David's "Father", will not allow His son to go astray!!



- Yahweh has an EVERLASTING LOVE for His son (Jeremiah 31:3)
AND Yahweh has entered into an EVERLASTING COVENANT with David, His son. (2 Samuel 23:5)
- Yahweh will always come after His unfaithful children.
- Psalm 37:24
- God is a PURSUING God! God takes the initiative in His broken relationship with David, His son.
 - Psalm 23:6 — רָדַף radaph {raw-daf'} – to pursue, to persecute (Jeremiah 29:18), to chase after, to hound, to hunt (1 Samuel 26:20).
 - “GRACE” (GOD – see Titus 2:14) pursues and exposes sin in the sinner.
 - “GRACE” will NOT allow a child of God to remain comfortable in his sin.
- Pursuing GRACE is not always ENJOYABLE — but what if GRACE was NOT a pursuing GRACE? What if God abandoned us when we sinned?
- Pursuing GRACE is God’s chastening LOVE for His own. (Hebrews 12:5-6; Proverbs 3:11-12; **Deuteronomy 8:5-6**)

Yahweh the Pursuing God

- God found Adam and Eve. (Genesis 3)
- God found Abraham. (Genesis 12)
- God found Hagar. (Genesis 16)
- God found Jacob. (Genesis 28)
- God found Moses. (Exodus 3)
- God found Saul (Paul). (Acts 9)
- Jesus came to SEEK and to FIND His people. (Luke 19:10; 15:4)
 - Christ came to do the work of the Father. (John 17:4; 4:34; 6:38-40)
 - Christ would be 100% successful in His work because the right hand of the Father was upholding Him. (Isaiah 42:1, 6; John 16:32)
- In our passage, DAVID did not send for the prophet Nathan. Nathan was sent by GOD.

The Story (2 Samuel 12:1-4)

- A rich man with an exceeding abundance.
- A poor man with nothing, except ONE little LOVED ewe.
- Hospitality required.
- Rich man refuses to kill one of his own to perform his DUTY.

The Purpose of the Story (2 Samuel 12:5)

- To get David's attention.
- This is a TRUTH we must learn over and over again. It is easy to see the sins of others, BUT our sins BLIND us of our own guilt.
- WE ARE SINNERS – EVERY ONE OF US!
- ALL OF US ARE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY.

David's Sentence Against the Rich Man (2 Samuel 12:5-6)

- David announces his judgment with an oath given in the name of Yahweh – 'as Yahweh lives!'
- This man is guilty of DEATH! David has failed again! The sentence for sinning was NOT death according to the Law (God's Word!).
- Certainly, David saw much more that stealing here, but nothing worthy of death!
- DAVID SINS AGAIN!!!
- David demands the man make RESTITUTION. (See Exodus 22:1)
 - Restitution is something that is NOT preached anymore! Why?
 - Restitution is a PART of REPENTANCE.
- David is not ready to show any mercy.

"You Are the Man" (2 Samuel 12:7a)



The SENTENCE of SIN (2 Samuel 12:7-9)

- "Thus say Yahweh . . ." – a personal name for God's people.
- David's sin was AGAINST God and God alone. (Psalm 51:4)
- Since the sin is against God, God will pronounce the JUDGMENT.
- God reviews the GRACES (things that David did not earn but we freely given to David) (v. 8)
 - ① "I anointed (chose, appointed) you king of Israel."
 - ② "I delivered you from the hand of Saul."
 - ③ "I gave you your master's house and your master's wives."
 - ④ "I gave you the house of Israel and Judah."
 - ⑤ "And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more!"

- **WHY** have you DESPISED the commandment of the LORD, to do EVIL in **HIS** sight?
 - YOU killed Uriah with the sword.
 - YOU have TAKEN his wife to be your wife.
 - YOU caused others to sin in taking innocent life.

DAVID DESERVES to DIE! – the LAW DEMANDS his life!

(Leviticus 20:10; 24:17)

The CONSEQUENCES of SIN (2 Samuel 12:10-12)

- THEREFORE . . .
- “The sword shall NEVER depart from your house.”

YOU HAVE DESPISED ME!

- LESSON: When we sin we show CONTEMPT for GOD!
- NOTICE: God is still calling Bathsheba Uriah’s wife!!!
- God will raise up adversity against you from your own house.
- David took ONE, but GOD will take all of David’s wives.

Meditate: The suffering of David’s wives.

- OUR sins have consequences on others!!!
- What David did SECRETLY in his palace bedroom **GOD WILL DO** before all of Israel!! (Meditate on this!)

Amazing Abundant Grace (2 Samuel 12:13)

- David says only TWO WORDS in Hebrews (חַטָּאתִי לַיהוָה) to Nathan translated: “I have sinned against Yahweh.”
- Nathan answers: “Yahweh has put away your sin: YOU shall NOT die!”

Is GOD Guilty of Sin?

- Read Proverbs 17:15.

Should We Impeach God?

- Consider Deuteronomy 32:3-4
- **Our answer is in Romans 3:23-26.**
 - ALL have sinned - there is NONE righteous. (Romans 3:23, 10)

NOTE: There was no offering for premeditated sin! See Numbers 15:22-31. Therefore, the putting away of David’s sin had to be solely based on God’s PURE GRACE which was based on HIM offering up His Son in David’s place.

- WE (born-again Christians) are JUSTIFIED (declared righteous) **FREELY** by His GRACE **through** the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (v. 24)
(Freely – without cause. Same word in John 15:25 and 2 Thessalonians 3:8 ‘free of charge’ NKJ)
- God sent CHRIST to be a PROPITIATION (something to take His just and holy wrath) by DEATH (the wages of sin is death).
- God sent Christ to DEMONSTRATE His righteousness. (v. 25)
 - **Though He passed over sins in the past His justice will be executed on Christ!**

God’s Mercy Different from Man’s Mercy

- A human judge sets aside the LAW to extend mercy to a guilty criminal.
- GOD can NEVER set aside His Law.
- GOD is a JUST God in ALL that He does.
- The PENALTY for EVERY SIN **MUST** BE PAID. (Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23a)

Isaiah 53:6

- GOD, NOT YOU AND I, took ALL my sins and put them on Christ.
 - Known sins and sins we are ignorant of. (See Leviticus 4 & 5)
- ONLY GOD knows ALL your sins.
- **THEN** God poured out HIS WRATH on Christ. (Isaiah 53:4, 10)

GOD PUT AWAY YOUR SIN BUT DEMANDED YOUR PENALTY ON HIS OWN SON!

**BUT REMEMBER
THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES FOR
OUR SINS!**

