

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART
A Study in I and II Samuel and the Psalms of David
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True Sacrifice
II Samuel 24:18-25
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Review of David's Sin and the context:

I. David took his eyes off of God and placed them on himself.

(cf. 1 Chron. 21:1; Gen 3:1-7; Gen. 4:1-8; Gen 50:20; Job 1:6-12; Rom. 8:28)

Again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, “Go, number Israel and Judah.” 2 So the king said to Joab, the commander of the army,[a] who was with him, “Go through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and number the people, that I may know the number of the people.” 3 But Joab said to the king, “May the Lord your God add to the people a hundred times as many as they are, while the eyes of my lord the king still see it, but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?” 4 But the king’s word prevailed against Joab and the commanders of the army. So Joab and the commanders of the army went out from the presence of the king to number the people of Israel. 5 They crossed the Jordan and began from Aroer,[b] and from the city that is in the middle of the valley, toward Gad and on to Jazer. 6 Then they came to Gilead, and to Kadesh in the land of the Hittites;[c] and they came to Dan, and from Dan[d] they went around to Sidon, 7 and came to the fortress of Tyre and to all the cities of the Hivites and Canaanites; and they went out to the Negeb of Judah at Beersheba. 8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. 9 And Joab gave the sum of the numbering of the people to the king: in Israel there were 800,000 valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were 500,000.

A. Four characters:

a. God (v.1):

b. Satan: (1 Chron. 21:1)

c. Israel (v. 1):

d. David: (v.2-9)

B. David's sin was primarily a sin of pride or “meism.”

II. The effects of our sin are never in a vacuum.

10 But David's heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the Lord, “I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O Lord, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly.” 11 And when David arose in the morning, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, 12 “Go and say to David, ‘Thus says the Lord, Three things I offer[e] you. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you.’” 13 So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, “Shall three[f] years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in

your land? Now consider, and decide what answer I shall return to him who sent me.” **14** Then David said to Gad, “I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hand of the Lord, for his mercy is great; but let me not fall into the hand of man.”

15 So the Lord sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning until the appointed time. And there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba 70,000 men. **16** And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord relented from the calamity and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, “It is enough; now stay your hand.” And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. **17** Then David spoke to the Lord when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, “Behold, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me and against my father’s house.”

A. There is the trauma of conviction (v.10):

(John 16: 7-13, Heb. 12: 5-11, Rev. 3:19)

B. There is the trauma of corporate consequences: (vv.11-16)

(Gal. 6:7-8)

a. A Two-fold Principal:

- i. One: We are justified in Christ, YES! But there are always temporal consequences for our sin.
- ii. Two: Our sin is selfish, YES! But the consequences are never selfish

III. True Repentance:

18 And Gad came that day to David and said to him, “Go up, raise an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.” **19** So David went up at Gad’s word, as the Lord commanded. **20** And when Araunah looked down, he saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. And Araunah went out and paid homage to the king with his face to the ground. **21** And Araunah said, “Why has my lord the king come to his servant?” David said, “To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the Lord, that the plague may be averted from the people.” **22** Then Araunah said to David, “Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Here are the oxen for the burnt offering and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. **23** All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king.” And Araunah said to the king, “May the Lord your God accept you.” **24** But the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels[g] of silver. **25** And David built there an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord responded to the plea for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel.

A. The Definition of Repentance: A change of mind that results in a change of action. (cf. Luke 3:8-14; Acts 3:19)

B. The Heart of Repentance: It’s not a response to our circumstances- but rather it’s a response to who God is and what He has done.

C. Four signs of True repentance:

a. **Confession** (v. 14, 17a; 1 Sam 15: 10-20; 1 John 1:8-9);

b. **Contrition** (17b):

c. **Humility** (vv. 18-22):

d. **Sacrifice** (vv. 23-25):

IV. True Sacrifice:

cf. Gen 22:9-14; Lev. 17:11; Heb. 9:22, 25-26

A. First, the threshing floor points back to Abraham and Isaac.

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”;[a] as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided- Gen 22: 9-14

a. God demonstrates He requires atonement but in His grace, He also supplies it.

B. Secondly, the threshing floor points us forward to the Hill of Calvary.

22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. 23 Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. Heb. 9:22- 26

God demonstrates that he requires atonement, but in His grace- He pays the price Himself!