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THE JEWISH KINGDOM IS ESTABLISHED

2 Sam. 2:4-7

5:1-10

- I. Governments have trouble getting established.
 - A. Ours did--thus the Revolutionary War.
 - B. Current efforts in Iraq.
 - C. Let's study for David's was as notes come from 1944 Annual Lessons.

- II. We used time, place and person.
 - A. Time for Hebron government, 1056 BC--7 years and 6 months.
 - B. Place- start at Hebron, 18 miles south of Jerusalem--much of time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, this 7 1/2 years of David's reign.
 - C. Persons, David, men of Jabesh-gilead, tribe of Israel and the Jebusites.

- III. Review:
 - A. David killed Goliath.
 - B. Was retained in Saul's service.
 - C. In jealous fits Saul tried to kill David.
 - D. People, Jonathan, Michal loved David.
 - E. David in isolation, threat to be killed.

F. Saul died, with three sons killed.

IV. David's anointing at Hebron.

A. Remember he had earlier been named king at Bethlehem--8 years ago.

1 Sam. 16:1-5

B. Now anointed at Hebron.

2 Sam. 2:4

C. One of first acts toward men of Jabesh-gilead (Verse 4-7).

1. At Mt. Gilboa Saul killed.
2. Others came to rob the bodies.
3. Taken to Bethshan and nailed them to the wall.

2 Sam. 21:12

4. Friends came and removed bodies.

1 Sam. 31:11-13

D. David sent messengers to praise this action.

1. Jabesh not in Israel's territory.
2. Would this gain good will?

E. Encouraged them to be strong.

2 Sam. 2:6-7

1 Cor. 16:13

Eph. 6:10

V. David over all Israel.

2 Sam. 5:1-5

A. Abner objected.

2 Sam. 5:8-9

2 Sam. 3:1

(Read Chapters 3 and 4)

B. David won out.

2 Sam. 5:3

C. This third anointing.

D. David 30 years old--reigned 40 yrs.

1. Showed ever love for God.

2. Shepherd of his people.

E. His dealings with the Jebusites
(6-10).

1. Jerusalem in territory of Benjamin
but they did not take it.

Judges 1:21

2. David came to Zion.

3. Were the words about the blind
words of irony?

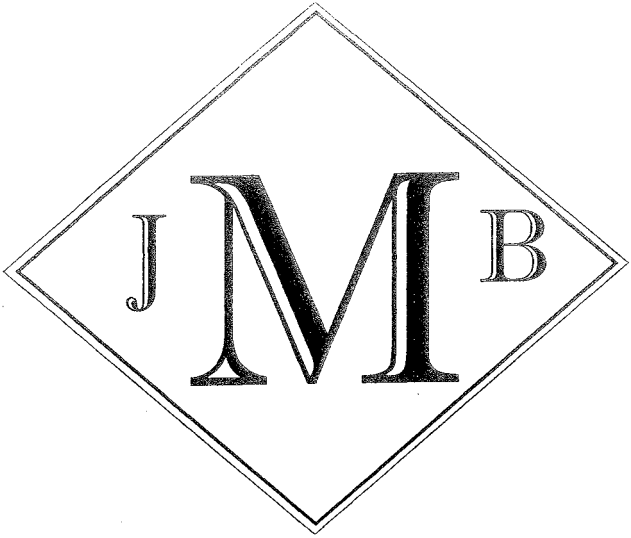
4. He answers in irony--could the
blind defend the water course?

5. Gave rise to words of contempt
about the enemy.

6. Helpless men could not defend
anything.

7. David took over and ever honored
God.

I Chron. 11:1-9



DIED ABNER AS A FOOL DIETH

2 Sam. 3:33

I. You've often heard of his being a prince - what about a fool?

II. Review story.

A. Abner, Saul's Cousin.

1 Chron. 9:36

2 Sam. 2:8-32

1. Loved cousin, served as commander-in-chief.

1 Sam. 14:51

2. Set up Ishbosheth, Saul's son, as King.

3. Joab was son of David's sister Zeruiah.

4. Decided to let champions decide war - thus save strength to battle Philistine c whole army.

5. It decided nothing so hosts joined battle.

(a) 19 of David's killed.

(b) 360 of Abner's.

6. Spears were sharpened on hinder end to stick in ground.

7. 5th rib = abdomen.

8. Abner rallied his retreating forces in strong position (V. 26).

9. Note effects of civil war - V. 26.

10. Hebron to Bethlehem - 13 miles.

11. David grew stronger.

2 Sam. 3:1-2

1 Chron. 12:19-22

12. To take a king's concubine was to claim the throne
2 Sam. 3:6

13. Abner angry - to give Kingdom to David.

14. Proposes league c David (V. 12).
15. Emphasizes his importance.
16. David wants his wife.
 - (a) Rightfully his.
 - (b) Loved her.
 - (c) Saved his life.
 - (d) Show no animosity toward Saul.

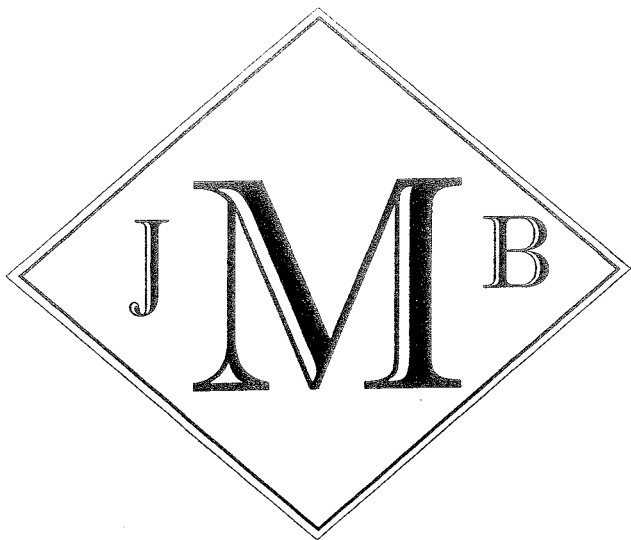
I Sam. 8:20

19:11-17

17. Benjaminites kin to Saul, thus careful negotiation c them.
 18. Joab sought to poison David's mind against Abner.
 19. Sent message to Abner w/o David knowing.
 20. Joab took Abner aside for privacy. Killed him in revenge & perhaps jealousy.
 21. Lean on staff maybe one unfit for war.
 22. David's conduct touched people.
- B. Died like a Fool.

1. We can so wound self as to not recover kids & drink, false friends, ruin health.
2. We can't guard possessions - robbers can take but we can truth, virtue, faith.
3. Offered liberty (?) we die.
4. Let ridicule or doubt stop us.

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IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE NEED-IT'S PEACE

2 Sam. 4

I. It is an odd approach - in an appeal for peace I tell one of the bloodiest stories of the Old Testament.

A. Perhaps I can see what did not make for peace and do the reverse.

B. It might pinpoint some attitudes of today of which I either practice or support & thus quickly change. *see #0*

C. I'll tell the story, emphasizing some points & ask you to make supplementary application.

II. Troublesome times. *Bomber's skit #1*

A. Saul & David at war.

B. Abner is a keen influence for healing.

C. Made overtures to David and is accepted.

D. Joab returns & kills him - David makes the ⁴Prince statement.

E. Our event begins as a consequence of these events.

III. Conditions Resulting

A. Ishbosheth

1. "Saul's son" -- not even honored by having name called.

2. Abner is last hope - all he had.

3. Hands feeble. *Old fashion girl - Kiss #2*

a) House weak.

b) Abner strong figure.

c) Ish. despondent.

d) Death of some strongly affects us.

e) Highest office should be held by best of men else it's bramble bush adm.

Ecc. 10:7 "Servants on horses, princes walk as

B. People Troubled

1. Trouble caused by uncertainty more than fear. *Hebrew Yoke #3*
2. People at loss what to do.
3. In state of suspense - waiting for good man to lead them.
4. David was in the wings.
5. Hands feeble - Is. dismayed.
" Lost heart - alarmed
" broken man - in confusion
(other translations)

IV. Conspiracy of 2 Brothers

A. Captain of bands - maurading ones?

B. Names: Baanah & Rechab

1. Tribe of Benjamin - same as Saul.
2. Servants of Ish. whom they killed - intensified crime.
3. Named only because of evil deeds.
(How are we remembered?)
4. Some criminals glory in their publicity - only way to get any.
Talents never warrant a meritorious remembrance. *CShavis #4*
5. Beeroth = wells.
6. Gittaim = 2 Gaths - one an acropolis-- the other lower (???)

C. Mephiboseth, another brother of Ish. mentioned.

1. Just to show a lame man could not rule.
2. Incidental to history.
3. Lame from injury as nurse ran.

4. Childhood has perils.

5. Princes not immune to misfortune.

D. Murder at Noon

1. Ish. in bed with noon nap.

- Henry said he should have been with men.
- OR parleying with David but head & heart in bed.
- Custom to take noon nap.
- Bed = raised bank along wall supplied with carpet & cushions - divan.

2. Pretended to get wheat

- Soldiers paid in grain or salt rations.
- Text difficult.

3. Smote 5th rib - *Belly one Trans*

- Took advantage of helplessness.
- Took advantage of friendship.
- None of us know when death may come.
- Beheaded him & left with bloody trophy.
- Escaped at nite - Plain - Jordan valley.
- 60 miles to Hebron.

E. Took Head to David

- Aimed at their own honor.
- Not denying the deed but glorying in it.
- Do we really gain by destroying an innocent man?

*(How would you feel when presented
C such = trophy?)*

- 4. How low will we stoop to win adv. for self even at the destruction of another. *Clearer card #5*
- 5. We judge men sometimes to have the same appetites we do.
- 6. "Hell is truth discovered too late".
- 7. Called Ish. the enemy - yet Ish. never tried to kill David.
- 8. Tried to tie the Lord to their deed.
 - a) "Hypocrisy is the homage vice pays to virtue".
 - b) Faithful men will not ask another to do wrong. *Dog & Moon #6*

V. David's Reactions

- A. Ist a great statement almost an oath:
 "Redeemed my soul out of all adversity".
- 1. God put him on throne - not intrigue of murderers - he is thus beholden to no man.
- 2. These men are taking God's work out of God's hands.
- 3. God is not served by immoral practices. *Ends do not justify means*
- 4. We cannot hate our brother and say we do God a service.
- 5. David magnifies the mercy of God.
- 6. Can we say the Lord redeemed us out of adversity.
- 7. Nothing is more becoming than a thankful spirit; but it is by no means a common possession - P.C.

*He jests at scars who never felt a wound
Shakespeare*

8. There is a cross in every lot,
And an earnest need of prayer;
But a lowly heart that leans on thee
Is happy anywhere.

Trouble →

9. Delivered soul out of distress, trouble

B. Cited history of news bearers on Saul's death.

- 1. Bonding of ignorance fills a larger space in lives of some men.
- 2. Need clear vision.
- 3. Ignore history - repeat its mistake.
- 4. Killed them.
- 5. "That he was bringing me good news!"

Rogers clip #7

C. Cites charge! *Censure is the tax a man*

1. Slew (scoundrels, criminals) *pays for*
Rt man (Honest, innocent) *being*
 In his own house *crime of*
on his own bed *J. Swift*
Defenseless position
Without hurt against me.

- 2. Just because you delight in villainy does not mean another does.
- 3. David trusted God - did not need crimes of others to support him.
- 4. "Take away from earth".

D. Killed - cut off hands & feet, - displayed by pool.

- 1. Symbolically removed instruments of crime.
 - a) Our pen
 - b) Our paper
 - c) Our file
 - d) Our conversation

2. Mutilation shows David's horror of the crime.
3. Pool - public display.

E. Consequence

1. David avoided appearance of any league with evildoers.
2. Sought to give no reason to criticize God.
3. No need of criminal support.
4. Reward of wicked men often very opposite of what they expect.
5. "Shall I not hold you responsible for his blood"

"Demand an account"

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A FRIEND RECEIVED A GIFT from abroad. Opening the carton, she discovered a vase which, although broken into several pieces, was recognizably *very* ugly. Since the package had been insured, she took the remains to the post office. The clerk, after taking one look, solemnly pronounced, "Looks like a mercy killing to me."

-CYNTHIA HUNTER

Erma Bombeck's view of skiing:

I don't participate in any sport that has ambulances waiting at the bottom of the hill.

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THRILLS OF OLD

Husband: "I wonder what happened to the old-fashioned girls who fainted when a man kissed them?"

Wife: "Well, I'd like to know what happened to the old-fashioned men who made them faint in the first place."

1, 1984

Quote

A young boy went out into a barn to play. While he was playing he noticed an old-fashioned ox yoke hanging on the side of the barn. It was very heavy, but he found he could lift it. So he dragged it out into the barnyard where he managed to slip one end of the yoke over the head of a young heifer. Then, to add to the fun, he put his own head through the other end of the yoke. This was more fun for the boy than for the heifer. The heifer kicked up its heels, and took off across the barnyard, dragging the boy with it. Holding on to the yoke for dear life to keep from being strangled by it, the boy yelled for his father. With all the lung-power he could muster, he yelled, "Dad, come and catch us, we're running away." *Leisara*

We find ourselves today yoked to a world that is running away and is trying to drag the church along with it. Never in the history of our nation has permissiveness been so openly advocated and practiced. Freedom is being equated with license. The playboy

philosophy is enjoying its widest acceptance. The way to find happiness, says this philosophy, is to throw off all restraint. Puritanism is being blamed for many of the ills of our nation. Permissiveness and violence are being exalted. Some would say that sex is being exalted. Actually, it is being degraded. It is being dragged down to the animal level. "Enjoy yourself," the cry goes out, "it's later than you think."

"Daring to Live by the Cross " - By Clarence W. Cranford -
pp. 78-79

C. S. Lewis said there are two classes of people in the world. That's those that in the end say to God, "Thy will be done", and those to whom God says, "Thy will be done".

I wanted to focus on the No. 1 enemy - the businessman, the capitalist. However, the police stood in the way, and before we could get to the businessman we had to remove the police and it was the politicians who told the police what to do. Our first target was the politicians and the police. Henry Newton and Bobby Sills were Black Panthers--I became the Minister of Education of the Black Panther Party. I had connections with Communist and Revolutionary Parties all over the world and there was no shortage of it. We felt the grievances of black folk far above police confrontation since the police were usually white. In the future we knew there would be difficulties--we would confront the police and follow them around, we were armed, we were Revolutionaries, we didn't

care if we lived or died, but it did matter what we died for.

In your patience possess ye your souls. Luke 21:19 #6

From the *Choice Gleanings Calendar* comes the story of a judge who had been frequently ridiculed by a conceited lawyer. When asked by a friend why he didn't rebuke his assailant, he replied, "In our town lives a widow who has a dog. And whenever the moon shines, it goes outside and barks all night." Having said that, the magistrate shifted the conversation to another subject. Finally someone asked, "But Judge, what about the dog and the moon?" "Oh," he replied, "the moon went on shining — that's all."

A man only learns by two things;
one is reading and the other is
association with smarter people.

Will Rogers

Quote over *#7* February

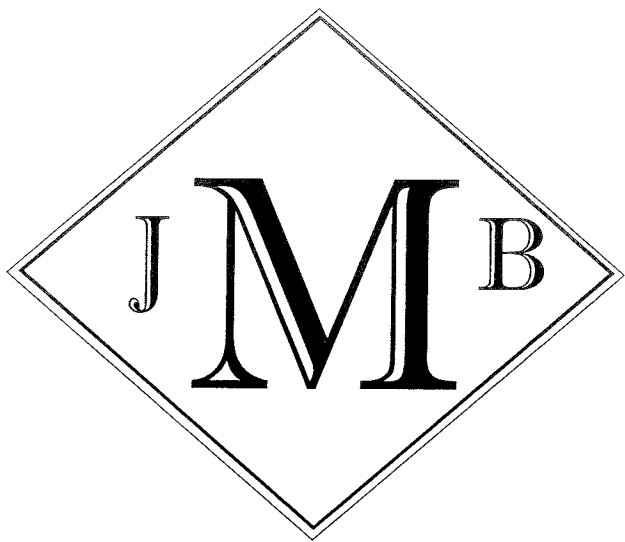
about the one she caught.

Martin A. Ragaway

Arnold Palmer: "The more I practice, the luckier I seem to get."

July 15, 1983

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Quote



DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS

II Samuel 5:1-5

- I. Time presses me and decisions have to be made -- what method shall I use to make it?
 - A. Time had come for Israel.
 1. Ishbosheth and Abner dead.
 2. Saul non-functional.
 3. No way to maintain the separate Kingdoms.
 4. Ishbosheth reigned 2 years-- murdered.
 - B. Time for "all tribes" to come together at Hebron.
 - C. I'll rely on II Samuel 5 and I Chron. 12: 23-40.
 - D. As you might expect Chronicles would chronicle them--each tribe reported.
 1. 348,222 estimated who attended at Hebron.
 2. Smallest amount from Judea, Simeon, Benjamin in the immediate neighborhood--16,900.
 3. Each tribe settled for themselves how they'd be represented--thus atonomy.
 4. Various compliments cited as they determined to turn the Kingdom of Saul to David according to the word of the Lord. 'Twas said:
 - a) Mighty men of valor--Simeon.
 - b) Kept the ward of the house of Saul.
 - c) Valor, famous throughout the house of their father--Ephraim.

- d) Men that had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do--Issachar.
 - e) Experts in war--Zebulun not of double heart.
 - f) Could keep rank, came with perfect heart--Manasseh.
 - g) Were of one heart.
5. See unity, talent, purpose, need a great man to lead.
 6. 3 days, eating and drinking, "brethren had prepared".
 7. There was "joy in Israel."
 8. Feast concludes it.

II. Anointed David King.

A. 3rd time.

1. At his home.
2. By men of Judah.
3. Now, all the tribes.

B. David 37--maybe 18 when took on Goliath--took awhile to realize this kingly goal.

1. Waited about 20 years.
2. Patience rewarded.
3. Took them awhile to see value of David.
4. Similarly time comes for Lord's return as every knee will bow.

III. On What Basis Did They Make Their Decision?

A. We are thy bone and flesh (v-1).

Deut. 17:15 READ

1. Our own understand us and we them.

2. One race--bone.
 3. His people understood him and he them.
- B. When Saul was King over us, thou wast he that led.
1. All saw it and had confidence in his ability.
 2. Great track record.
 3. His former service evident--like deacon then elder.
 4. In Saul's time David actually led and did the work.
- C. The Lord said to thee--feed my people, be captain.
1. Highest reason, God said yes.
 2. WWJD bracelets.
 3. Supreme being regulates affairs.
 4. Great to feel God has appointed you to special tasks.
 5. Feed my people.
 - a) Lit. act as shepherds do.
 - b) Shepherd technical term for ruler.
Jer. 3:15
 - c) God doesn't work without using human beings.
 - d) Shepherd--not tyrant or oppressor. Also Prince (Captain).
- D. This the criteria for their judgements.
1. All tribes represented.
 2. Stayed 3 days.
 3. Joy there.

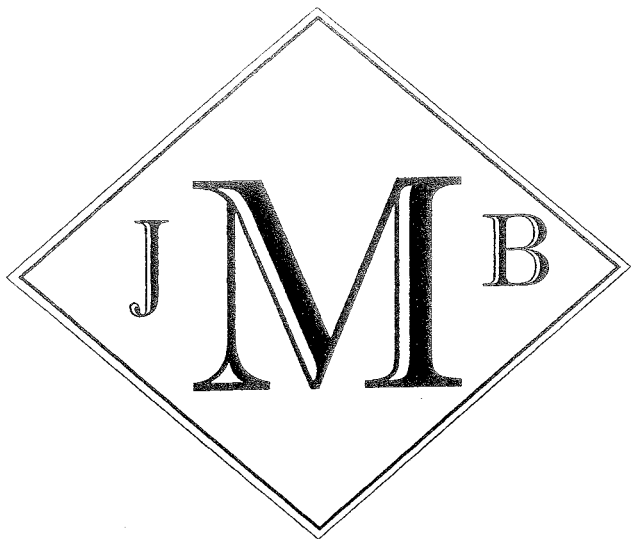
4. David 30 at Judah
37 at Hebron
33 at Jerusalem

5. 40 year reign.

IV. What do you use to support your decisions?

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THE SOUND IN THE MULBERRY TREES

2 Samuel 5:6-25

- I. Have You: Known victory, been challenged; complimented; made laws to yourself; threatened by enemies; guided by God? If so, David has a message for you.
- II. The Setting
 - A. Just made King 3rd time; needs to consolidate the victory.
 - B. Moves to Jerusalem
 1. Covered 11A--Zion
 2. Needed a neutral capitol
 3. Jebusites there--always opposition to good places.
 - C. Lame and blind taunt.
 1. Fortifications so strong lame and blind could defend it.
 2. Could be over confident--need nothing else--Margano Line
 3. David held in contempt their gods--called them lame and blind, hated them.
 4. Idols--lame Jacob, blind Isaac.
 5. Move hydrological by water--fetch, scream via mechanical process.
 6. Pipes on pulleys, hinged, smoke, scare folk.
 - D. Intimidate? No, antimated David--took Zion--1st time here mentioned.
 - E. Zion like triangle--2 sides naturally protected.
 - F. Challenged to use vertical shaft 40' deep--tunnel 60' long.

III. Success came

- A. David "went on and grew great."
 1. Lesson learned--dwelt in fort--drew back--must depend on God.
 2. Are we flushed with success only to learn it's not ours--but God's.
- B. Hiram, King of Tyre, honored him, build house (v-11). Encouragement at right time.
- C. David perceived the Lord established him (v-12)--people's sake.
- D. Took wives and concubines.
 1. "When men break the fence they wander endlessly."
 2. Prosperity led to luxury and sensualism, brought later trouble.
 3. 8 wives, 10 concubines, 14 males, 13 finally, can't count really.
 4. Tell of Walton girl drunk "do you know who I am, do you know my name?"

IV. Philistines Heard

- A. Unity alarms enemies--too big.
 B. Crush infantile government before gets strong.
 C. David inquired of the Lord.
 1. No action by David til he inquired.
 2. Then would do what he was told--will we?
 3. Comfort that God knows what to do.
- D. Came with second attack--Devil keeps trying.

E. Baal-perazim = master of the breaches--
water carries everything before it.

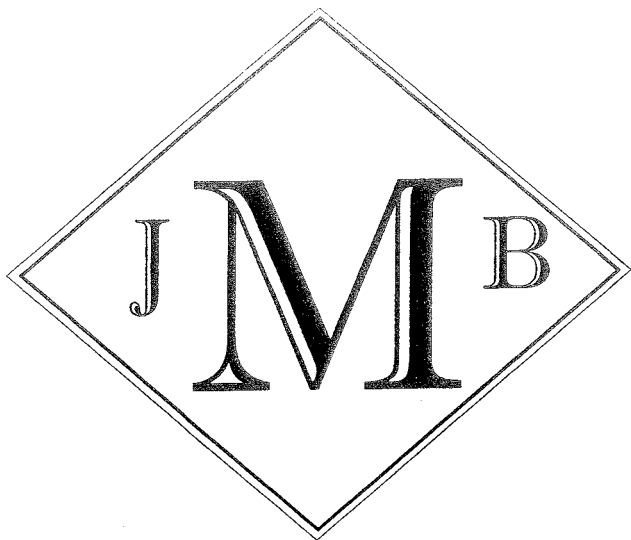
F. Sound in mulberry trees--bestir thy-
self--time is God's to choose.

v-25 "And David did so, as the Lord had
commanded him"

G. Victory his--also ours--if God goes
before us.

H. Come unto me--will you now?

Franklin, KY - 2/8/98



HOW DO YOU FEEL WHEN GOD SAYS NO?

2 Sam.7:1-5

I. I suppose all of us pray.

A. We ask for many things, publicly.

1. Forgive our sins.
2. Beneficial and well-pleasing.
3. Bless the sick.
4. Remember our troups--harms way.
5. Accept our thanks.
6. Bless this church.
7. Remember our missionaries.

B. To some of these God says No, why?

1. Not in accord with his will.
2. Repetitions.
3. Not best for us.
4. Life not in accord as was not Saul.

C. How do you react when your request seems so right?

1. Pout?
2. Not fair.
3. Argue the point.
4. Accept because God has something better for you.

II. This very experience was David's -- list--examine it.

A. V-1 Came to pass, king sat in his house.

1. Catch the scene--Lord gave him rest.

2. David's in Jerusalem and at peace.
3. This is not necessarily chronological.
4. Not told the length of time covered.
5. David's in a magnificent cedar house via Hiram, most folk in tents.
6. David's successful and has quiet time to think.
7. Important to evaluate how men spend leisure hours shows their real character.
8. "Those who stretch themselves on beds of ivory" (Amos 6:4-6), and were not grieved for the affliction of Joseph, though they had David's music had not David's spirit." --M. Henry

B, V-2 David draws a contrast.

READ IT

1. Speaks to Nathan, the prophet.
 - a) Have we had his name before?
 - b) We need friends close to God to advise us.
 - c) David didn't go off on his own.
 - d) Evidently a confidential friend.
 - e) Destined to remove him for Bathsheba sin, counseled him later about Solomon's accession, helped reorganize public worship wrote about David's reign.

- f) We all need wise counsel lest we think too highly of ourselves.
- g) Yet know the wisest can be wrong.

Job. 32-9

- h) They can answer too quickly.
2. David draws a contrast.
- a) Contrasts his life style.
 - b) What about us and the church's needs?
 - c) Without saying it, specifically we see his plans that sound so good.
 - d) What are our priorities, expenditures? (Robert left Adrian's grand music because it contrasted with his sparse plans).
 - e) County at peace and Jerusalem was building houses from tents.

I Chron. 15:1

- f) Danger in prosperity.
- g) The temporary can master us as we devote energy to the material.
- h) All of us are rich as we contrast those who live on a cup of rice a day.

C. The ark dwells in curtains.

Exo. 25:10 on

1. Central focus of tabernacle.
2. Heart of Jewish religion.
3. Box overlaid with gold, contained 10 Commandments, jar of manna, Aaron's staff that budded (Heb.9:4), cover the mercy seat where God's mercy via blood accepted atonement and gave forgiveness, not to touch, place of confession, pointing to Jesus the full sacrifice.
4. Saul neglected it.
5. Should not it be the greatest building in town that housed it?

D. Was this not a great purpose?

1. Thanksgiving felt for their current abundant blessings.
2. Are we constrained today to do something selflessly for the Lord?

III. Nathan said go for it.

Read V-3.

A. As a man not as the true profit of God.

1. He will find out later he's wrong.
2. Pious feeling not sufficient guide.
3. Motives not always wise.
4. Thoughtfully go to God.
5. Don't go solely with impulse.

IV. When God rejects our plans.

Read V. 4-5

A. God has other plans.

1. He will use another man--Solomon, David's son.
2. David gently let down--tell my servant David--God loves him anyhow!
3. He'll explain later. "I will build a house for you."
4. No Old Testament king ever called Jehovah's servant except David.

B. Good men can make mistaken judgment as they do not know all of God's plans and such can hurt the church.

C. Get more light from God as we submit "if it be thy will."

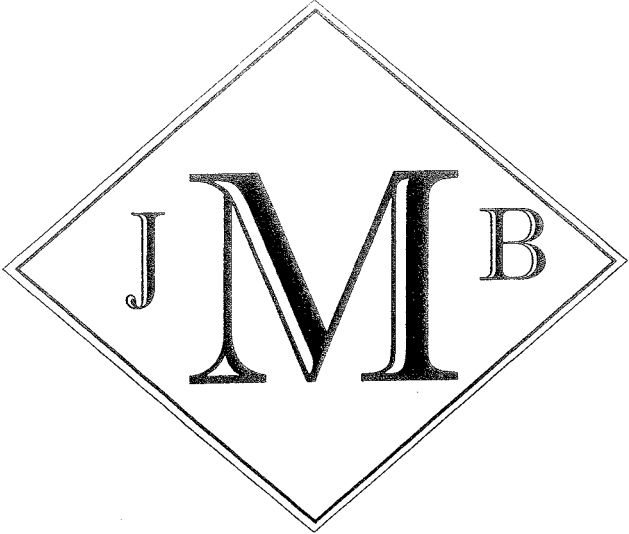
D. Holy, sincere desires are not enough
"Your thoughts are not my thoughts
and your ways are not my ways."

E. God spike--obey Him immediately.

F. Feel God's tenderness.

I Kings 8:18 "Thou didst well that it was
in thine heart."

G. God often supplies His reason for rejection.



MY FATHER SAYS NO BECAUSE HE HAS
SOMETHING BETTER FOR ME.

II Sam. 7:5-

- I. I don't recall a time when my parents, particularly my dad, said no that he did not think he had something better.
 - A. It, the rejection, was not because he was mean.
 - B. Not because he had the authority.
 - C. Neither to just get rid of me.
 - D. But because his superior wisdom beheld something better.

- II. So my Heavenly Father disciplines.
 - A. His wisdom is perfect.
 - B. His rejection of David and Nathan's plan to build the temple is explained.
 - C. So here is the lesson for today.
 1. God said definitely No.
 2. Have you not experienced the same?
 3. Have you lived long enough to see why?
 4. Perhaps your idea, like David's, was great but how do you feel about it thumbs down?
 - D. Perhaps David's experience can benefit our mood. Things written afore time were for our learning.

III. God's patient explanations as to why He said No.

A. Nathan sent on a rejection mission.

1. It negated the plans both David and Nathan espoused.
2. V-5 - READ. Reminds us to consult with God before we give advice.
 - a) We can be too glib.
 - b) We forget to pray.
 - c) Be assured God knows how lovingly to say No--and that He will.
 - d) He said he never told any shepherds to "build me a house."
 - e) God's in charge--not a shepherd.
 - f) Perhaps God doesn't want you to allow your ambition to become whatever the aim to come to pass.

B. God reviews some history, V-6-11.

1. For centuries God dwent in a tabernacle, tent.
2. I did not ask you to build me a house, cont content with the tent.
3. House your idea, not mine.
4. I've used various tribes for leadership.
5. I used Judges but none said build a house.

6. All my promises have been general--
I asked none to construct a house.
7. Yet I have something specific for
you; chosen for a task and it's
not to build.

C. David needs to remember where he
came from--less too big for his
britches.

1. Read V-8.
2. Made a farm boy my servant.
3. No other king called my servant.
4. Some great men have fallen.

Obed. 4

Isa. 14:12 "How art thou fallen from..."

5. I select the time, not you.
6. I'll reveal the construction details.
7. It will be an implicit heaven-given
design.
8. I draw the blueprints, the
pattern.

Exo. 25:8

IV. God's No Points to Greater Things.

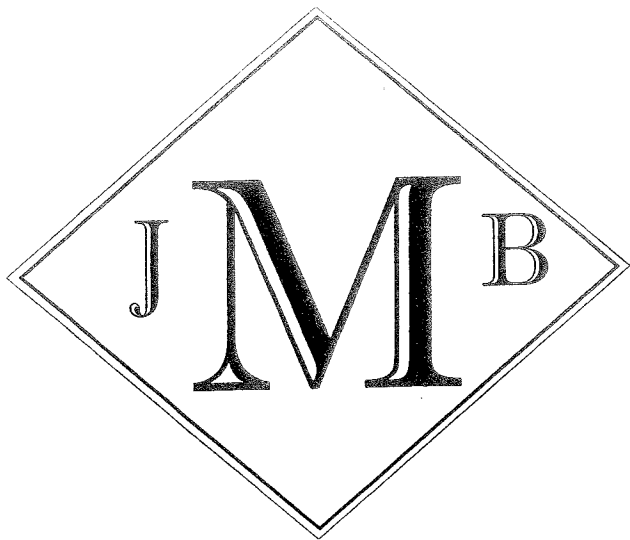
A. Temple's gone.

B. Kingdom remains - V-12-17.

Ps. 89:29 "His seed will I make to endure
forever."

1. God will be his Father, and he
shall be my Son.

2. Chasten with rod of men and with stripes of the children of men.
3. Thy house forever.
 - a) Jesus to come.
 - b) Between Father and Son is love and oneness.
4. David thus will be blessed.



How Humble Are We Before Our Blessings?

2 Sam. 7:17-29

- I. When we look at ourselves and count our blessings how do we express ourselves before God?
 - A. God, with my talents, I've arrived where I deserve to be; or
 - B. God, you had to use somebody in the flesh so it might as well have been me; or
 - C. God, I'm humbled--none of what I have I deserve and try as hard as I can, I can never thank you enough.
 - D. God, your grace and usage of one so undeserving puts in a place of trust and service--may I fulfill your wishes?
 - E. These thoughts from Annual Lessons, 9/24/1944.

- II. We see in David the life in the sheepcote to life on the throne and we do well to study and emulate his record.
 - A. A lot of things have happened as we come to this text.
 1. David has come to Zion and taken it from the Jebusites.
 2. He is in an established position and other kings notice him.
 - a) Hiram of Tyre is one

2 Sam. 5:11 "Hiram sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David a house."

I Kings 5:1 " ..Hiram was ever a lover of David.

b) Philistines respect him, but want to dislodge David before he gets too established.

c) Philistines have lost two battles.

2 Sam. 5:17-21

d) The ark is still with house of Abinadab.

I Sam. 7:1-2

e) David wants to recover it.

I Chron. 13:1-4

f) Uzzah story.

I Chron. 13:9-14

g) He brings the ark to a Jerusalem tent.

Read the rest of I Chronicles 13.

B. Nathan enters our story.

2 Sam. 7:1-16 Read

1. This is the translation of Leeser, a Jewish translator.

The following is from the translation by Lesser, a Jewish translator; notice the change in verses 9 and 10: "And it came to pass during the night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying, Go and say unto my servant, unto David, Thus hath said the Lord, Wilt thou indeed build me a house for my dwelling? For I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even until this day; but have been moving about in a tent and in a tabernacle. . . . I took thee from the sheepcote, from behind the flocks, to be a ruler over my people, over Israel; and I have been with thee whithersoever thou didst go, and I have cut off all thy enemies from thy presence, and I have made thee a great name, like the name of the great who are on the earth; and I have procured a place for my people, for Israel, and I have planted them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and be no more troubled; and that the children of wickedness shall not afflict them any more as aforetimes;... and the Lord telleth thee that he, the Lord, will make thee a house. When thy days will be completed, and thou wilt sleep with thy fathers: then will I set up thy seed after thee, who shall proceed out of thy body, and I will establish his kingdom. He it is that shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever....

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(Lesser translation cont'd)

But my kindness shall not depart from him, as I caused it to depart from Saul, whom I removed from before thee. And thy house and thy kingdom shall be steadfast for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever."

2. Read I Chronicles 17.

C. David's reactions to his blessings, see 2 Samuel 7:18-21.

1. How do you react to David's attitude from the above verses?

a) Was he really an overbearing tyrannical?

b) Did he feel for the little guy or was he benefited by the golden parachute?

c) Do you glory in others' great blessings or are we jealous and grumble "he does not deserve it?"

2. Do you feel David was thankful enough?

D. Let's study David's praises of God (verses 22-24).

1. Israel had come even farther than David.

2. Israel rose from Egyptian serfdom to being a great nation--their own land and God's laws.

Deut. 4:32-38

3. Further fulfillment comes through Christ's reign.
4. David was best in leading them from idolatry.

Ps. 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..."

E. Note David's short and earnest prayer.

1. Like grandpa R. pulling Uncle John's leg in a long prayer "that's enough John."
2. Becky Brewer at W.E.'s long prayer, "In Jesus' name" interruption.
3. David believed God answers prayers.
(Verses 25-27)
4. He had no doubt about God fulfilling his promises.
5. Note they are conditional.
6. Jews today cannot place any of David's seed on the throne. All family lineages lost, all distinction obliterated. They cannot expect a Messiah of tribe of Judah.

F. David knew the promises ever conditional (verses 28-29).

1. He asks fulfillment in spite of minor imperfections of men.

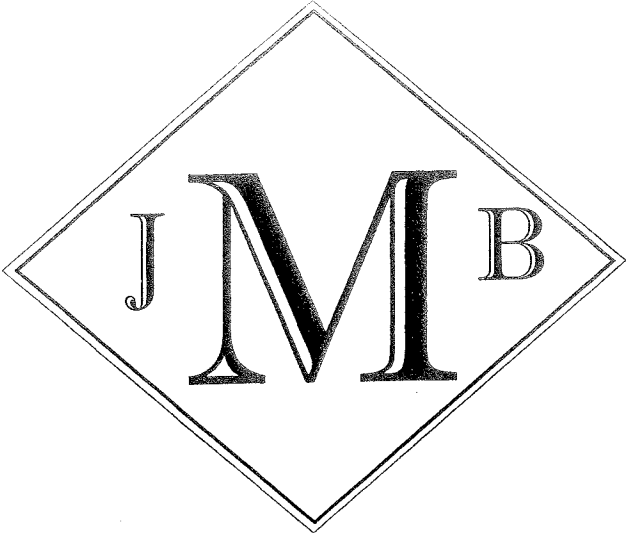
Jer. 18:5-10

2. Jeremiah 18:11 has to do with Judah.

3. Christ is it.

Isa. 55:1-5

Acts 13:32-38



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN VIEW OF VAST ETERNITY

2 Sam. 7:18-29

- I. Introduce by telling of John Trebonius, an eccentric German teacher.
 - A. Before his class of boys he always tipped his hat, bowed humbly, and said, "Who can tell what may not arise amid these youths? There may be among them those who shall be learned doctors, sage legislators, nay princes of the empire."
 - B. So I salute you today. Herb Bell in W.E. prayer said, "It's hard, Lord, to be a young person today."
 - C. I see before me the preachers, elders, backsliders, saints, thieves, social workers, unwed mothers, 50th anniversaries, and divorcees. I want to put your feet on the right path.
 - D. Christian education is a must.
 1. I do not bequeath it exclusively to our colleges but I believe the home, the church, the individual initiative all blend to make the real life possible.
 - E. I'm for every influence that points you toward glory!
 1. I'm concerned about who touches your mind.
 2. Prov. 20:11 "Even a child is known by his doings."

3. Horace, "The new vessel takes a lasting tincture from the liquor which is 1st poured in."
4. Persius, "The soft clay is easily fashioned into what form you please."
5. Quintilian, "The young plant may be bent with a gentle hand and the characters engraved on the tender bark grow deeper with the advancing tree."
6. The child is the father of the man.

F. It's imperative our education be of God!

II. When a man is educated after the will & way of God it does certain things to him.

A. David's meditation of 2 Sam. 7:18-29 & 1 Chron. 17:16-27 show this.

B. It shall be the purpose of this address to see what is produced in a life if it is saturated c the will of God.

III. Now & for Eternity, Christian education begets-- 7 things (Complete)

A. Speechless Amazement

2 Sam. 7:20 "What can D. say more unto

1. David sat in utter amazement.

2. Was he embarrassed by his necessitated silence?

3. Did he truly see the power, purpose, and bearing of God?

(a) Card on Stars.

B. Grateful humility

v. 21 "Thou hast done all these

1. Does it thrill you that God has seen fit to deal c man?

Ps. 115:1 "Not unto us, ^{give glory} but unto thy name

Rom. 3:27 "Where is boasting then

I Cor. 15:10 "But by the grace of God I

I Jn. 3:1 "Behold what manner of love

C. Boundless Praise

1. Not of ourselves - *See Clip on Catholic;*

(a) Some say if world survives 25 years more, it will be as great as the emergence of civilization itself.

(b) 90% of all knowledge has come since 1940.

(c) In physical & biological sciences, info doubles in next 7 yrs. - again in 3 1/2.

(d) Inexhaustible nuclear energy replaces coal & oil.

(e) Space domination c space monitors (smile you are on a sky camera)

manned orbital labs, space cities, interplanetary travel (travel agency closed in Africa - swamped with

\$50,000.00 orders to moon).

(f) Hunger & crime grow. *60,000 in Calcutta*

(g) 3 out of 5 marriages fail. *no home but street*

(h) 7 out of 10 to mental hospital in next 25 yr.

(i) America must feed 1/2 world in 20 yrs.

(j) Additives to food like tranquilizers
 (does your snoring disturb your wife?
 Dr. asked - does it, why it does the
 whole congregation!) Memory block-
 ing agents, anti-fertility drugs have
 frightening effect if in hands of wrong
 Conversely added medicines could
 help. 90% all scientists who've ever
 lived are alive today. Gateway,
 Vol. 1, Page 10.

2. But we praise God!

v. 22 "Thou art great, O Lord God, for
 there is

(a) God takes care of heavens, nations,
 but also sparrows & me!

(b) He deserves our praise

Ps. 96 READ

D. Concern for God's Folks, Church

v. 23 "Do for you great things & terrible

1. If God has concern for His people,
 shouldn't we?

2. Do we love the church of God?

(a) Dr. Martin E. Marty, Univ. of
 Chicago Divinity School, "There is
 restlessness with intellectualism, a
 desire for 'feeling', a dissatisfaction
 with authority--the same thing you
 find on the campus."

(1) ~~Clip on Kennedy doubts~~

(b) 10 out of 89 continental U.S.

Episcopal church dioceses didn't fulfil last yr. pledge & '69 contributions are below '68. Causes (1) White back lash, (2) uncertainty about reality of Christian faith, & (3) general mood of suspicion of ecclesiastical institutions."

(c) In '67, 1/2 all Americans said religion losing its influence, belief in God among church members dropped from 87 to 81% since 1950.

(d) Jesuit priest Rocco Caporale of St. John's said folks joined the underground church because of

- (1) Greater communication
- (2) Liturgy
- (3) Social action

E. Increased Consecration

v. 25 "Establish it forever, do as thou
2 Cor. 5:14 "For the love of Christ consti
17 "Therefore if any man be in C

1. Are you stronger today than yest.?

2. How do you use your power

- (a) Teen-agers spend 18 billion per year.
\$10.00 per wk.
- (b) 57% work.
- (c) 43% have annual income of \$1,500 or more.

*Tealby
Kennedy's
speech*

- (d) 4 out of every 10 H.S. boys
2 out of every 10 H.S. girls
have charge accounts.
- (e) Replaced farmer as economic backbone of nation.
- (f) Buy 80% all single records, 45% soft drinks, 30% low priced cameras, 26% H.S. students own cars - buy 20% all cars, last yr. bot 1/2 million guitars, \$10 million worth of clothes
(some so short more cotton in an aspirin bottle)

3. Are you equally a spiritual giant.

F. Demands Prayer

v. 27 "Therefore hast thy servant found

1. At Camp we thanked God for the stars
& the diving board!
2. Does your training lead you to trust God.
3. Are you certain about times to pray.
4. Prayer in his heart (right place) as he sat (tarried) sat on ground, cross legged, head forward bowing to God.

G. Obeys Word *Oriental fashion*

v. 29 "For thou, O Lord God, hast spoke

1. This is final.
2. This is authoritative.
3. This is dependable.

(a) Hippies have their "Now" Testament.

(b) Scientists, says the Los Angeles Times, are "Playing God in Laboratories." They seek to make via test tubes "a brave new world of manufactured people!"

4. God speaks via word

Heb. 1:1 *God who at sundry times & c.*

5. He gives great promises

2 Pet. 1:4 "Whereby are given unto us v. 27 Revealed to thy servant ~~let~~ *lit*
"Uncover the ear of"

6. Know this "Blessings come immediately

v. 29 "with thy blessing let the house

(a) Heaven's blessings start now.

IV. Thus the education I want for you, and only the Christian influence will do it, begets a spirit which

A. Speechless Amazement

B. Grateful Humility

C. Boundless Praise

D. Concern for God's Folks, *Church*

E. Increased Consecration

F. Demands Prayer

G. Obeys Word

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● A Roman Catholic monthly magazine, **St. Anthony Messenger**, recently polled graduates of 15 church-affiliated colleges, asking students to list their "most admired heroes." First-place winner was no surprise, with the late President John F. Kennedy easily taking the honor; JFK was followed by his brother Robert, the Rev. Martin Luther King and Pope John XXIII. However, the individual named as fifth-place runner-up did raise a few eyebrows: Jesus Christ.

Our nearest star (Alpha Centauri) is 3.3 light years away: 26 trillion miles.

If an astronaut could travel 26 million miles a year, and if after fifty years he turned the controls over to his son who fifty years later turned them over to his son, and so on generation after generation, a grand child 20,000 generations removed would land on Alpha Centauri! (New Yorker)

Kansas state motto: ad astra per aspera, "To the stars through difficulty" Amen!

Their number. "He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their name."

Two thousand are visible to the naked eye.

Telescopes can see 100 million stars in our galaxy
(milky way).

Mt. Palomar can see 10,000 million other galaxies in our
vast universe.

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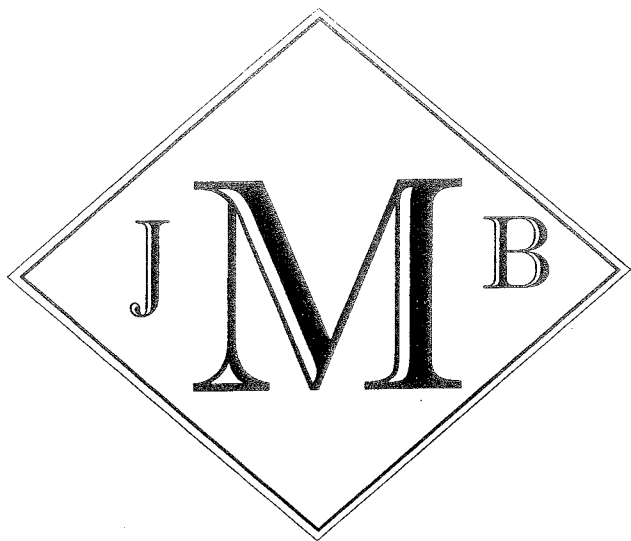
● Your chances of being a victim of **serious crime** have doubled since 1960, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover disclosed last week. In that period crime has soared 122 per cent, compared to a population increase of only 11 per cent. "Thus crime continues to outstrip population 11 to 1," Hoover noted.

... substance to ... party,
about their character—nor was I driving under the
influence of liquor.”

Kennedy made this statement in a dramatic accusing tone, but it was Kennedy and his friends at the party who gave rise to such speculation by their refusal to say anything for nearly a week after the accident. Furthermore, the circumstances surrounding the party were such as to raise suspicions: Only six men, five of them married, and six single women attended an informally arranged cookout, eight of whom apparently stayed overnight rather than returning to their lodgings across the channel.

As to Kennedy's assertion he was not driving “under the influence of liquor”—an obviously subjective remark that does not, in fact, deny he had been drinking—the public has only his word to go on. He did not take any breathalyzer test at the time and he did not show up at the police station until some nine hours after the accident.

Most surprising was this fresh piece of news that Teddy threw into his TV address: “



FROM LODEBAR TO THE HIGH TABLE

II Samuel 9

- I. It's a beautiful chapter.
 - A. II Sam. 8 records all the bloody victories of a great warrior, David.
 - B. One verse says he made a name for himself.
 - C. But is all of life fighting--victory & acclaim.
 1. Do we have time for the 1 to 1 relationship?
 2. Can we be so busy we forget a promise?
 3. As one said, "The man was lost in the King."
 - D. In this lesson I want to move you to the "Kindness of God."
 1. Good for us to make into reality seasons of memory.
 2. Surely in your heart with all you have to do there is the stirring of tenderness.
 3. Timing has to be right as you seek opportunity to do good.

Nu. 5:8

II. II Samuel 9

- A. David asks is any left to show kindness for Jonathan's sake.
 1. History
 - a) Meph. 5 years old when Jonathan died.
 - b) He now has a son.
 - c) It might have been dangerous for David to earlier have attracted the house of Saul.

d) But now it's time to act on a promise.

I Sam. 20:14-15

2. Note the yearning of compassion.
3. Grace deals with needs not deserts.

B. Show the Kindness of God

1. Something very great--the expression conveys.
2. Our benevolent interests must spring from our relations to God--no promotions via sexual favors.
3. Kindness is a conqueror.
4. Expression the utmost, the highest degree of kindness.

C. Jonathan's sake.

1. "Neither splendor of victories, nor the pleasure of prosperity, nor the lustre of his cross, could make him unmindful of his covenant & oath to his former friend." (Chandler)
2. Not unusual for one to show kindness to another for the sake of someone else, whether living or dead.
3. Many young receive kindnesses for their father's sake.
4. God deals with us in our relationships to others.

Gen. 30:27

Prov. 13:22

Rom. 11:25

5. We need to encourage

6. Don't forget debts of gratitude.

7. Be mindful of our covenant.

D. David brings in many folk.

1. Ziba

a) Managed Saul's estate.

b) Later unfaithful to David.

c) Reports on lame son.

(1) Life has extraordinary vicissitudes: cripple, prince, poverty, table.

(2) Birth accident.

II Sam. 4:4

(3) Brother is born for adversity.

2. Machir

a) Several in Bible.

b) Could be Bathsheba's brother.

3. Ammiel

II Sam. 17:27

a) Wealthy

b) Supplied David during Absalom's rebellion.

4. Lodebar--unknown location.

5. Meph.

a) Like Jesus, David makes a search for the fallen.

b) Meph. lost much from the glory of his birth.

c) Lame--Son of Jonathan.

d) Fell--(expecting to be killed?)

e) Not party to unusual friendship of his Dad & David.

E. The Kindness

1. Fear not.

a) David & Jesus have resources to remove fears.

I Sam. 23:17

Lu. 12:32

b) Safe with me.

2. Restore

a) Saul had a good estate.

I Sam. 22:7

b) Came to David via wife.

Nu. 27:8

c) Giving back was justice
sitting at table kindness.

3. Sit at my table--highest honor--
continually.

Lu. 22:30 "That ye may eat & drink at"

F. Charge to Ziba

1. Did he get demoted? Wanted to keep
as his?

2. Words of relationships lightly used.

3. Ziba had done well.

4. Becomes Meph's farmer.

5. 15 sons--20 slaves.

III. From Lodebar to High Table

A. Raised from degradation to a position
of importance.

1. So are we in Christ.

2. Afforded highest blessings.

B. Shows disparity between Ziba & now
Meph.

C. Great deeds cannot die.

They with the Sun & Moon renew their light
Forever blessing those that look on them.

-Tennyson

C. Meph. has freedom from want, fear, of
speech, & to worship.

D. What did David have a right to expect in return--loyalty & gratitude.

1. Didn't get it.

II Sam. 16:1-4

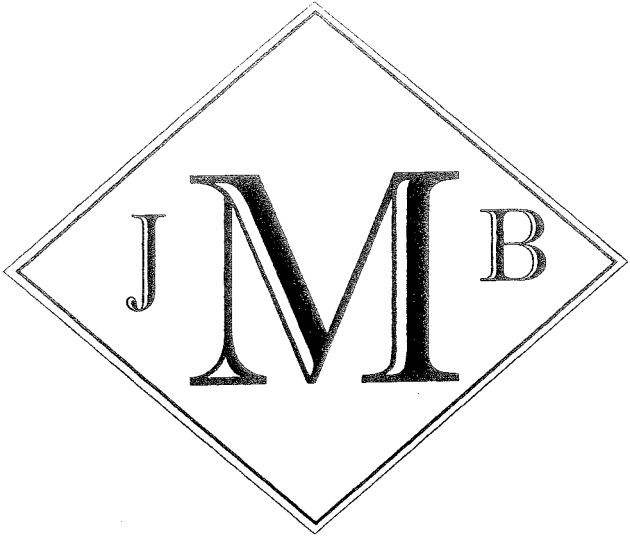
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19:29-30

2. Some think anything done for them is too little.

E. Who has special claim on our resources?

F. Meph. still lame, unfit for service, yet at King's table.



IT WAS A TIME OF WAR--AND ADULTERY

II Samuel 11:1-5

- I. It's all too common a story--adultery traps many a strong man.
 - A. Our story is not the Washington Belt way--though it easily could be.
 1. Presidents, Senators, Congressmen, interns embarrass us all.
 2. We tell the story however of one of the most famous of them all--David and Bathsheba (II Sam. 11).
 3. We use only the first 5 verses as sufficient warning to every man and woman.
 - B. I tell the event to warn us all--it can happen to the best of us--even a man after God's own heart.
- II. Events from II Samuel 11:1-5.
 - A. Came to pass at a time when Kings go forth to battle--(only this King did not go!)
 1. Clark says it's spring not fall.
 2. Scott says it's September after the summer heat has passed away.
 3. It's another point of disagreement, but let's not divide!
 - B. David Tarried Still at Jerusalem.
 1. It was a season of great prosperity.
 2. Temple affairs in order.
 3. Elevation of religious privileges need sharpest of brains, a time of keen and earnest watchfulness.
 4. Morals though seem to suffer most in seasons of leisure & luxury.

5. Did David get in trouble because of self-indulgence in neglect of duty--he remained in Jerusalem instead of leading his army in the field of battle.

C. Rose from Bed--Walked on roof of King's house--he was at home.

1. Not unusual in hot countries to take a siesta in heat of day.
2. Stroll on flat roof--His!
3. Temptation came unexpectedly as it often does.
4. Recall what he had going for him.
 - a) Married
 - b) Numerous sons & daughters
 - c) Splendid court
 - d) Powerful army
 - e) Perserved wherever he went.
 - f) Subdued his enemies
 - g) Returned in triumph to Jerusalem.

Ps. 24:4

Ps. 101:7

- h) Been in Jerusalem at least 12 yrs.
- i) Between 50 and 60 years old.

5. He had the necessities of life and the luxuries that surrounded him.

D. From Roof Saw a Woman.

1. He ascended only that he might fall--from his watchtower he saw Bathsheba.
2. There rises in most cases trouble made from impressions on the senses by objects.

3. Eye is the most common inlet of temptations.
4. "The temptation of the flesh is overcome and impure passions mortified by flight not by fighting face to face. He who flies fastest and farthest is often most sure of victory." (P.C.)
5. "When David saw her and looked on her with a certain thought in mind, the feeling in his heart he had already done the deed of which we have record."
6. She was washing herself.
 - a) Clark asks how could a woman of delicacy expose herself where she could be so fully and openly viewed?
 - b) He asks "was there no design in this?"
 - c) Does she share the blame?

E. David Sent & Inquired After the Woman.

1. Wonder how the messengers framed the message?
2. What did they think of the man who sent it?
3. Why was she overcome with so great a temptation?
4. Did she like others admire the King-felt flattered by his attention and had not sufficient moral strength to resist his wishes or control her own inordinate desires? (P.C.)

5. If she'd been mindful of her matrimonial fidelity--would that have checked David?
6. We see no evidence of her reluctance and no evidence she was taken by force.

F. What Did the Inquiry Reveal?

1. Book of Samuel talks about a lot of women:
 - a) Praying Hannah
 - b) Provoking Peninnah
 - c) Brokenhearted Phinaes
 - d) Proud Michal
 - e) Persuasive Abigail
 - f) Beautiful Bathsheba
 - g) Unfortunate Tamar
 - h) Wiley woman of Tekoah
 - i) Devoted Rizpah
 - j) Peaceable woman of Abel
 - k) Terrified nurse of Mephibosheth
 - l) Faithful maid servant at En-rogel
 - m) Sympathizing woman of Bahurim (17:17-18)
2. Found out she was Uriah's wife.
3. Uriah the Hittite.
 - a) One of David's mightiest, high rank in army, member of a grand race.
 - b) One of 37 nerves.
 - c) At time he was in the field might justly look to the King to protect his family.

G. In Spite of This Messengers Came

1. He who had previously shown himself noble and chivalrous stoops to rob one of his own officers of his beloved.
2. Just remember David is preparing the way for his daughters disgrace, murder of Amnon, Absalom's rebellion and death, death of Adonijah.
3. Too commonly men who have conquered Kingdoms have been overcome by their own strong passions.
4. David always a keen appetite for sensuous pleasures.
5. The lord of this vast empire becomes bare in his own sight and lost his self-control.
6. David lost restraint, in an exercise of power set at naught the commandment of the Lord.

12:9 "Wherefore thou hast despised the com."

7. Did he think his power and wealth exempts him from obedience and self-denial?
8. Can the King do whatever he desires?
9. We must pray that God will deliver us from temptation and any thought that prosperity makes us morally exempt?
10. He fell because he violently chose evil.

11. His deed is a great sin because it is a breach of a commandment that guards the purity of life.
 12. Further it was done by one who was blessed with more than ordinary privileges and was an abuse of royal authority over perhaps an unsuspecting subject.
 13. He did it while God was prospering him; his people risking their lives for him in battle, and even after his long and blessed friendship with God.
 14. Did he think I've served God with such usefulness He does not hold me accountable?
 15. Bible tells it all--evidence of inspiration--no stone walling.
- H. She Came In Unto Him
1. Here was a woman ignorant of ruling but skilled in lovemaking.
 2. An absent husband, lapse of moral training and religious principles were being overcome.
 3. She came at his request, offered no resistance to his desires.
 4. He found Bathsheba a ready consent to his will.
- I. He Lay With Her
1. We should do nothing that carries the sentence "this thing displeases the Lord" (I Chron. 21:7).

2. God is the living, personal, supreme ruler of men and makes each man responsible for his actions.
3. God is capable of being pleased as well as displeased.
4. His wrath is no less real than his love, wisdom and power.
5. He is unaffected by any influences that make human displeasure as wrongdoing partial and defected.
6. Without respect of persons He judges each man according to his works.

I Pet. 1:17

7. Let none presume on their security.
8. Let each take heed lest he fall.

I Cor. 10:12

9. Watch and pray enter not into temptation (Matt. 26:41).
10. Oh do note she was "purified" as she was more scrupulous about the ceremonial law than the moral.
11. Went home unrepentant though defiled.

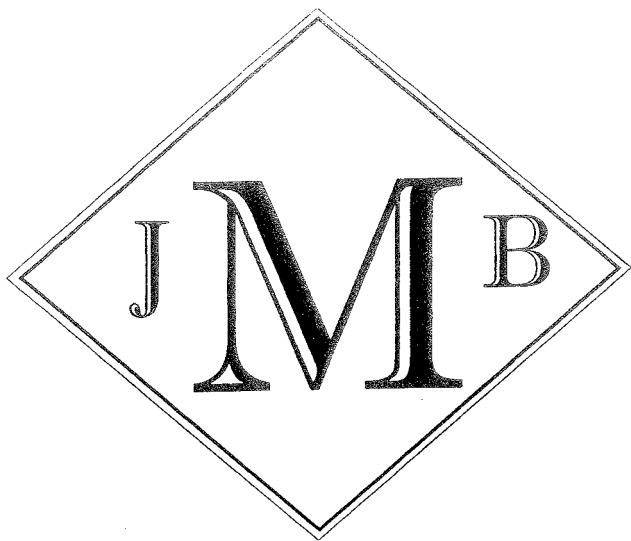
J. Be Sure Your Sins Will Find You Out.

1. Conceived.
2. I am with child.
3. Uriah could have had her killed thus her alarm and also David's.
4. To her credit later married David, bore 4 more sons and retained an influence over him til the last.

I Chron. 3:5

I Kings 1:15-31

5. In the lineage of Jesus.



AMNON HAD A FRIEND

II Sam. 13:1-22

I. Hardly anything more important than our friends.

A. Think what they do for us.

1. Disappoint if forsake.

2. Inspire if support.

3. Influence if heard.

4. Motivate if expressed.

B. Since their influence is great we best be sure of our selections.

II. Let me tell the story of one man's friend - II Sam. 13:1-22.

A. Background in Sacred History.

1. Who will succeed David to throne?

2. 17 sons mentioned.

3. 4 prominently.

(a) Amnon

(b) Absalom

(c) Adonijah

(d) Solomon

4. Each will be examined - God will show wisdom in selection - A's will fail.

B. This chapter shows Amnon.

1. We'll see a cold & premeditated crime against Tamar.

2. Could you trust Israel's throne to such a man?

3. Let's see the sordid events.

III. Amnon & His Friend.

A. I want you to see the influence of a friend.

Macartney asks which is most popular headstone

"At Rest" or "Had a Friend."

B. Amnon had a sick love for Tamar.

1. Absalom & Tamar children of Maacah.

2. Amnon David's firstborn.

2 Sam. 3:2

3. Tamar his half sister.

4. Lusted for her so keenly he could do nothing properly.

5. Yet his lust not carried out; but-----

C. "Amnon had a friend" (V. 3)

1. Name was Jonadab.

2. Was his cousin.

3. Subtil man = sagacity, wise whether properly exercised his wisdom or not.

4. His friend could possibly have stopped Amnon's false & improper appetite.

5. Rather he spawned the plan to satisfy it.

D. Evil Plan of the "Friend"

1. 1st you are a king's son - "law surely not for you" is the implication.

2. 2ndly, he gained his confidence & learned his secret longing. Some enjoy evil advice either to see you suffer or else vicariously enjoy what you boldly do.

3. Lay in bed - be sick - tell daddy to send Tamar to feed me.

(a) Was he suggesting rape?

(b) Or making fornication convenient?

(c) Amnon was sick due to ungoverned passion.

E. Execution of the Plan.

1. All went as planned.

2. When David sent Tamar to "house" (V. 7) it means the private apartment where they kept the women - harem.

3. Tamar came - Amnon refused to eat - sent all men away (V. 9) - "bring meat to chamber to eat of my hand."

4. Open proposition "Come lie with me, my sister" (V. 11)

(a) God's placed many obstacles to ward off this.

- (1) Warning
- (2) Conscience
- (3) Frailty
- (4) Innocency - virgin
- (5) Dread of father's wrath
- (6) Dread of brother's revenge
- (7) Dread of God's judgment
- (8) But remember "Amnon had a friend."!

(b) Tamar sought escape by:

- (1) Reasoning
- (2) Cited sinfulness of act.
- (3) By showing personal consequence to themselves would meet shame everywhere.
- (4) He'd be casting off fear & decency & be as one of the fools of Israel.
- (5) **Speak** to the King - anything to gain time.

5. Would not listen - stronger - forced her - lay with her (V. 14)

F. The Aftermath

- 1. Hated her exceedingly - we hate what we injure
- 2. Put her out - Arise be gone

- (a) This would imply she was one in fault.
Perpetrated a lie.
- (b) Refused to honor law
Deut. 22:28-29
- (c) Men that capture brides are wanton fools.
Judges 21:16-24
- (d) Tamar saw he had no intentions of marriage.
(1) Marriage c brother & sister accept later
condemned
Gen. 20:12
Deut. 27:22
Lev. 18:9-11
- (e) He refused to accept the responsibility for his
abuse.
- (f) When man enters most intimate of human contact
c a woman he's morally obligated to provide for
her well being.
3. Tamar disconsolate & desolate.
4. Absalom took her to his home & plotted his
revenge killed his bro. 2 yrs. later.
5. David very wroth (V. 21)
- (a) Indignation resulted in no constructive action.
- (b) Amnon could continue his abuse of others &
Absalom his revenge. Tamar's presence in his
home would feed his vengeance.
- (c) David "loved" his son too much to act.
- (d) Too lenient - suppose he remembered his own
Bathsheba & could do nothing to correct his
sons? Mexican standoff?
6. We remember the catalysis of it all "Amnon had
a friend."

IV. Some Obvious Conclusions: (Macartney).

A. Remember Power of Social Principle.

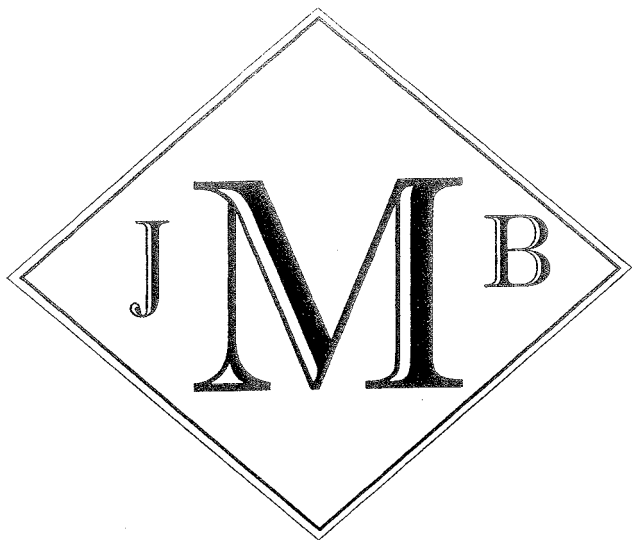
- 1. Not good to be alone.
- 2. Deny human a human & he'll take a dog.
- 3. God's three persons; disciples had 3 sets brothers; Christians assemble!

B. Remember Influence of Wrong Friendships.

- 1. We get evil suggestions from others.
- 2. Disease spreads by human touch.
- 3. Wrecked by words - you are a king's son - don't be chicken - try it.

C. Safeguard your friendship by:

- 1. Fixed principles.
- 2. Courage to stand alone - have no friendship that won't take you to heaven.
- 3. Have Christ as closest friend.



I SURE DIDN'T EXPECT THAT TO HAPPEN

II Samuel 18:6-8

I. Often times in our experiences we use these words as evidence of our puzzlement and surprise.

A. Think of secular situations where such occurs.

1. The erroneous analysis of political polster

2. The outcome of a sports contest.

3. The end result of a business enterprise.

B. But by no means is it restricted to the secular--the religious is also there!

1. In the text cited above the Bible tells of more enemies soldiers being destroyed by the woods than by the sword--I just didn't expect that to happen!(2 Sam.18:8)

2. Similarly, today there are those religious reactions we get that are equally surprising and unexpected.

II. The burden of the lesson will be to examine as a current event the decisive battle David waged against Absalom. Following this we shall point to some events of today, the outcome of which is truly amazing and just as startling.

III. Absalom's Lost Battle.

A. At Mahanaim (Mahnagim--"two camps") David numbers and organizes his army.
(2:8)

1. The location of this spot is north of river Jabbok.

2. But to so coldly state the historical occurrence there, is to fail to see the pathos of the hour.

a. A princely son, Absalom, is in rebellion

b. David is the rightful king and he must put down all rebellion--even if the rebel is his son!

(1) Often times obligations to the highest calling entails a painful discharge of duty.

(2) This is the quality of courage and leadership all mankind respects.

(3) Man today may find paternal feelings must be overruled by an imperative obligation. Let this be illustrated by this story. One of our West End families this past week found their yard "rolled." Pink and purple were the toilet tissue colors--of all things! Unsightly streamers of toilet tissue hung from trees--this family began the embarrassing task of "unrolling." Just as they started, a man got out of his car with two fine boys saying "please don't touch that, Lady, I have two boys with me who are most anxious to re-establish the beauty of your yard. They want to "undo" a prank--they "want" to keenly. By hand, with rake, from a precarious perch 20' high they "undecorated" the

tree. It was hours of work with a father solidly supervising every "ingathering" of paper with a gentle thanks for the loan of the tree and the provision for the exercise the father re-entered the car observing "it may be a while before they roll another one."

3. But how does a man prepare his mind for such courage?

a. Knowing full well what is right, fight first the battle in your own mind before entering the public arena.

b. Do your duty--Pulpit Commentary observed "Fidelity to right is a secret martyrdom."

c. Admit the tender emotional ties that are there and keep them alive--"Deal gently with the young man--for my sake"--v-5

d. Yearn even in the performance of duty for the return to right of the prodigal.

4. Like David all conscientious folk will know their Mahanaim.

B. In the organization of his army David used the fullest of his military genius and rich experience.

1. He gathered those loyal to him although vastly inferior in number.

a. They were dedicated.

b. They were concerned.

2. He liberally sprinkled his veterans and

able, proven commanders at vital spots.

a. Divided his army in 3 groups. (This was eastern custom--van, main body, rear guard--as the army marched.

b. He used Joab, Abishai, and Ittai's generals.

(1) Ittai was the Gittite, from Gath. He was probably a Philistine. The foreigners would fight better under him since he brought his own clan.

(2) Society knows no hard, fast rule of forcing a man's service among company against his wishes. If the Philistine fights better under the Philistine--leave him there, rather than force his integration. They'd be fierce to do as well as Jews did.

3. He organized a mobile, able force, of which he volunteered to be the commander-in-chief, going before them into battle.

To this, the army said "no--command us from the city gates--not the battlefield."

a. A general afraid of the smell of powder can't lead a people.

b. But it's the better part of valor for him to be protected and preserved at times.

(1) Wouldn't he immediately be the main target of the enemy and his possible destruction could confuse his own forces

(2) Could a father really lead a battle against a son?

(3) Wouldn't a seasoned general--the best in the business--poised at the city gate, ready to rush to the rescue of any harrassed division be the greatest benefitted.

c. It was a beautiful tribute to David to have said by the soldiers he was worth more than 10,000. It's fine to have the expressed esteem of co-laborers.

B. David dispatches the army.

1. Acquiescing to their request--he sends forth his group destined to make havoc of Absalom's large, but untrained assembly.

2. His final word "Deal gently." and so emphatically was it said it became public knowledge to the rank and file.

3. For all there is a time to pray, a time to work--this is David's day of painful action.

C. The Battle's Joined in Ephraim's words.

1. It's location is still debatable.

2. It's woods is a puzzle--but whatever God's word says was there was there!

3. It's carnage was great--20,000 slaughtered

4. It was a multiple action--a scattering, as fought in several different areas.

5. It was a complete defeat and riot of Absalom's forces and all recall his hanging and subsequent death.

6. But in it all more were destroyed by the woods than the sword!(v-8) Surely, I

didn't expect this to happen!

a. How could this be? By swamps, gorges, pits, undergrowth--they'd get entangled, trapped and lost.

(1) Also Syric version says "wild beast" got them.

(2) It was truly a strange adversary.

b. Providence sometimes uses such as God rules supremely.

(1) Has sickness, sorrow, calamity, conscious cut short any evil plan?

(2) Don't you imagine God was the Master General.

IV. To me, this is a most interesting story with an unexpected ending.

A. Life today offers such.

B. May I tell you some? It is always a surprise to me to:

1. Get objection to a practice which is purely Biblical.

a. If you answer the sinner in his search for salvation just as the Scriptures do how can there be objections?

Acts 16:30-34

Acts 2:37-42

Acts 22:16

b. If in the avenues of worship you employ the N. T. way.

Acts 2:42

Eph. 5:18-19

c. This principle can be applied to all ques-

tions of doctrine.

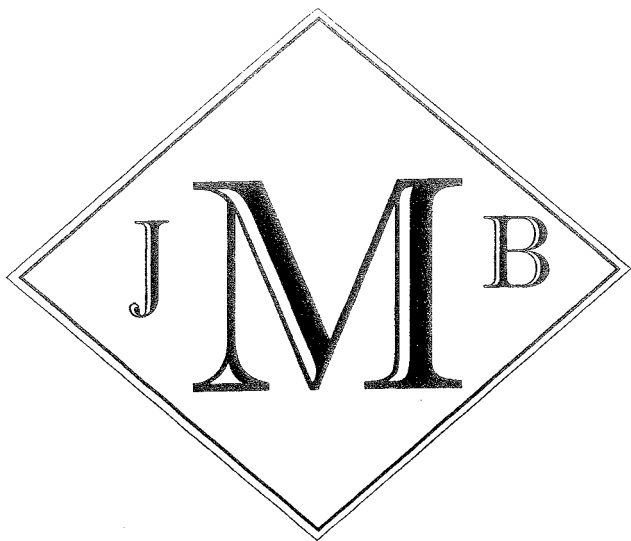
2. To see Christians live without conscious effort to daily learn more of God.

2 Tim. 3:14-17 But continue thou

2 Tim. 2:15

3. To see sinner, worse still saint live as though they need not have the way of life Jesus taught.

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ABSALOM - THE PILLAR WITHOUT A PRINCE

II Samuel 18:33

- I. Do you remember David sending the troupes?
 - A. Set captains of thousands, & hundreds,
 - B. 3 "Generals" - Joab, Abishai, Ittai-1/3 ea.
 1. I'll go with you
 2. People said no - you are worth 10,000 of us---(v. 3)
 3. What seemeth you best I will do - and the king stood by the gate.
 - C. Deal gently for my sake with the young man, with Absalom (v. -5)
 1. All the people heard.
 2. People went to battle in wood of Ephraim.
 3. 20,000 died by wood and sword.
 - D. Absalom on mule.
 1. Head caught in oak.
 2. Suspended
 3. Man told Joab.
 4. Conversation - why didn't you kill him - heard King's don't touch.
 5. Joab, 3 darts in the heart while was yet alive.
 6. 10 armor bearers smote Absalom and slew him.
 7. Trumpet
 8. Burial in a pit.

E. Cushie - not Ahimaaz dispatched

- 1. Go tell the King what you've seen.
- 2. Ahimaaz begs to run - via plain, overran Cushie

F. David watches and receives.

- 1. Watchmen spotted
- 2. If alone tidings in his mouth.
- 3. Anticipated good tidings
- 4. Ahimaaz message - (v-8)
- 5. Cushie comes
- 6. " message (v-32)

G. David's Epitaph - O my son Absalom

- 1. None sadder
- 2. Such days of grief come to all. We think peace comes only by ceasing to live.
- 3. Others have shared it.

Job

David

Elijah

Henry VIII - Shakespear, "Would I were dead!

If God's good will were so; for what is in the world but care and sow."

II. Lesson for us.

A. We'll know cries of grief and sorrow.

B. We'll know cries of retribution.

- 1. Was God visiting David for his own sins?
- 2. Could David have led him otherwise?

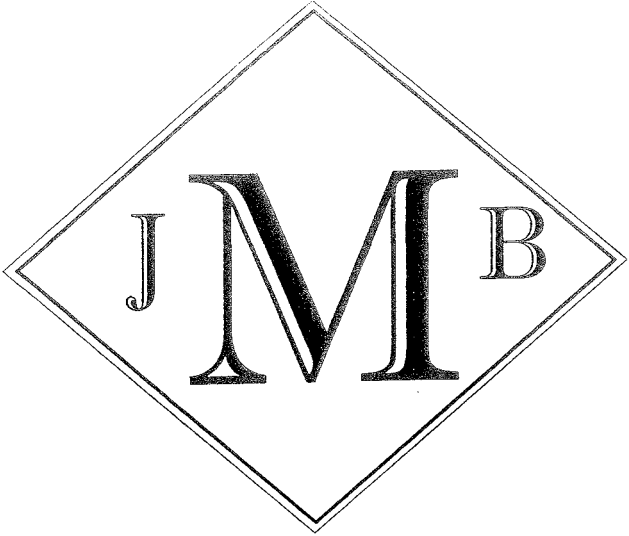
- 3. Bathsheba
- 4. Nathan - "Thou art the man."
- 5. Had he driven the darts in reality?

C. Cry of a wasted life,

- 1. Absalom was gifted
- 2. Absalom means the father or source of peace .
- 3. Made him nothing when he should have counted for something.
- 4. Built pillar in the vale - but buried like a dog in a sink hole. None but a broken-hearted dad to mourn him.
- 5. Pillar without a Prince-monument without a man.

D. None can take another's place - only Christ can ours.

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THAT WISE WOMAN FROM ABEL

2 Sam 7 20, 14-22

I. May I tell you a story.

A. Sheba, son of Bichri, led rebellion; tried to collect converts, was pursued by Joab, took refuge in Abel.

1. Abel, a northern city.

(a) Means meadow.

(b) N/W extreme of Palestine.

(c) On border.

(d) Verdant place, at foot of Lebanon.

(e) 5 mi. west of Dan.

2. Joab cast a bank, stood in trench.

(a) Ellicott = Trench is space between the wall of the city & the lower outer wall. When they had their battering engines there they have an advantage *but one sinner destroyeth many good*

(b) Well on the way to taking it.

(c) W/o any negotiations made effort to attack.

Ecc. 9:16 "Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength

9:18 "Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but

B. "Then Cried a Wise Woman" - MURCH CLIP

1. If name is unknown, her character isn't.

2. Wisdom not restricted to sex.

3. Asks Joab to listen.

V. 16 "Hear, Hear, say I pray you, unto Joab

4. Read conversion (V. 16-17).

5. "I do hear"

(a) She made every possible sacrifice for peace.

(b) She seize opportune moment.

Prov. 12:18 "The tongue of the wise is health

C. Watch Wisdom Work

1. Ask any counsel at Abel - that ended the matter.
 - (a) City famous for wisdom.
 - (b) She knew history of times past.
 - (c) Words of vanquished people are treasured words
 - (d) Neither do modern times nor men have a monopoly on words.
 - (e) Abel center of luminosity.
2. "I am peaceful & faithful."
 - ✓ I Pet. 3:11 "Let him eschew evil, and do good; let
 - ✓ Ps. 34:12-16 "What man is he that desireth life, and
 - ✓ Gen. 13:8-9 "And Abram said unto Lot, Let there
 - ✓ Rom. 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not meat and
 - ✓ Gal. 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, and
 - Zech. 8:19 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; The fast of
 - (a) Her fame intensive if not extensive. *MANDA Bee!*
 - (b) Reputation more of quality than quantity. *Poem*
 - (c) She was peaceful & wanted it for others. *AA*
3. Thou seekest to destroy a city & a mother in Israel. *40 People Clip BROT to Jesus*
 - (a) She speaks in name of city.
 - (b) It's a mother-city; chief town of district.
 - (c) City guide to those round about.
4. Why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the Lord?
 - (a) We hurt God when we hurt His folks.

Zech. 2:8 "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of mine eye"

 - (b) We are God's possession.

I Pet. 2:9 "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people"

 - (c) No evidence Abel identified c Sheba.

(d) Fight between Joab & city was unnatural - we are brothers!

(e) Disunity of church today a disgrace.

Ps. 80:13 "Boar wastes ^{and it has no sense} it

(f) Strife lies in mutual misunderstanding & neglect of primary obligations.

(g) Joab that they were sympathetic c Sheba & they that he'd come to want only destroy.

(h) Strifes beginnings subtle.

(i) We suppose what another thinks.

Jn. 15:12 "This is my commandment, That ye love one

Matt. 5:44 "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bl

Matt. 18:15-16 "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass

(j) Duty of wise to seek harmony.

(k) Men of character must not leave great matters to lesser minds.

(l) Lay your acquired reputation at the service of the church. *Don't let inheritance of God be swallowed*

(m) Research reveals littleness of some. *Chapel quite*

(n) Watch whatever has chance to cause discord - you can imagine wrong & gain hostile feelings.

(o) Guard well a good influence.

(p) Women can preserve peace.

(q) She had faith in common sense of man. 

(r) Do we take pains to understand each other?

(s) Some deliberately injure God's inheritance.

(t) We can prevent an armed riot.

C. Joab's Rebuttal.

1. Far be it from me to destroy.

(a) Listened to reconciliation course.

2. I want only Sheba.

(a) Remove what causes the strife.

(b) One bad man exposed a city to destruction; one good woman saved it from it.

(c) Fidelity prevents peace from becoming an immoral weakness.

D. Sheba's Head delivered.

1. Sheba - Belial - worthless.

2. She delivered one guilty life & saved many innocent ones.

3. Sin must be expelled.

Lu. 18:7 "Shall not God avenge his own elect, which

4. Woman went to people.

5. He blew trumpet - ea. went to tent. Went home - it was over.

6. Blew trumpet to summons peace as Sheba trumpet to summons war.

7. Victory over error, **distrust**, wrath, injustices.

II. We need some folk from Abel!

A. We need wise folk. Why was she?

1. Loved her city. - *US & Apartments*

2. Cared for her neighbors. - *Jones & Dog*

3. Reverenced God.

4. Resented treason & evil. *Sales Clip*

B. Many a misguided Joab needs your counsel. We must speak need words! *Church Columns*

C. Institutions meet deepest needs of our times.

1. Family.

2. Church.

3. Worship *Assembly*

4. Bible

5.
D. Will I let Devil take God's heritage?

E. What like Joab can I disclaim?

1. Do I tell for good or evil in lives of another
2. In each man's breast a city's enclosed.
3. Each sin a traitor within.

F. God calls for Sheba's head; let us get rid of sin

I seek Salvation in Christ.
Prestoncrest Church, Dallas 10-8-74
Harper Hills Fall Planning + Fellowship Session
10-11-74
Lake Jackson, Texas Church 10-16-74
West End 12-8-74
West Side Church, Searcy, Ark. 1-30-75
South National Church, Springfield, Mo. 3-18-75
Searborn, Mich. Church 4-14-75

Manda Beel was sure to be
At the mission lady's tea,
Cutting, rolling, tying knots,
Praying for the Hottentots.
But though she wept when told the plight
Of rickshaw boys in heathen night,
Coolies, waifs, and Chinese sages
Unevangelized for ages,
Millions who had never heard--
Said to her neighbor not a word!

"Stains on Glass Windows" - By Ken Anderson

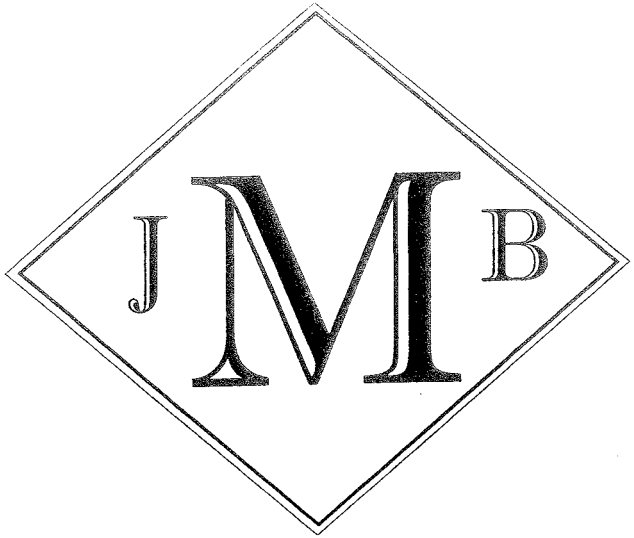
The New Testament records tell of forty people, each suffering from some disease, were healed by Jesus. Of this number, thirty-four were either brought to Jesus by friends, or He was taken to them. In only six cases out of the forty did the sufferers find the way to Jesus without assistance.

From "The Pulpit Workshop" Sermon Outline "How to Witness" (Acts 1:8) - Douglas Beyer

Stanley Jones tells of a physician who found a stray dog with a broken leg. He took that dog to his home, put its leg in splints, and soon it was able to walk again. Then one day the seemingly ungrateful animal disappeared. The doctor was surprised that after so much kindness the dog should leave him. But he was away for just one night. The next morning there was a scratching at the door. When the doctor opened the door, there was the dog whose leg he had healed. But he was not alone. With him was another dog; lame, as he himself had been, but who had come at the invitation of his friend to be healed. It is as we are gripped by a passion to share that we build up our own personality, and the personalities of others, as well.

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Evangelium



DID YOU EVER HEAR OF RIZPAH?

Mem Education #1 2 Sam. 21:10-11

3701 Asylum #2
I. You are a better Bible student than I am if you know this woman - Rizpah.

A. Yet she has one of the strangest stories of the Bible.

B. It deals with principles that startle.

C. Let's move to it - 2 Sam. 21.

II. Resurrection of Guilt

A. Famine in days of David.

1. 3 years.

2. After prosperity can come adversity.

3. Sudden lump in the breast or a clogged artery - all unexpected.

B. Why? Inquired of the Lord.

1. Went to right source.

2. Is there a connection between relationship with God and the unfolding of earthly conditions.

3. Is all punishment reserved for hereafter; all joy? *for wickedness*

4. Causes need to be searched out.

Ps. 107:34 "A fruitful land into barrenness"

C. God said it was Saul & his atrocity to Gibeonites.

1. Consequence of Saul's sin.

2. Our actions have inevitable consequences.

3. Saul violated oath given by Joshua.

Josh. 9:3

:6

:15 *I made peace e them" league to let live*

a) Broke national covenant.

b) Can't punish nations hereafter but can here.

- 4. We cite everything other than sin as causes of our calamities.
 - a) Law
 - b) Fate
 - c) Chance
 - d) Victimized
- 5. Physical calamities are due to moral causes.

Deut. 28:15-19 Read
:23-24 - Read

Ezek. 14:21 Judge ments: Sward, Famine, Beast, Pestilence

- 6. We conveniently forget.
- 7. "Time will not wear out the guilt of sin, nor can we build hopes of impunity on the delay of judgements" M. Henry.
- 8. Sins come home to roost.

Ecc. 11:9 For in these things God will bring thee to judgment

9. Gibeonites = mountaineers - Amonites

D. Caused by Saul's zeal.

- 1. Not scripturally motivated.
- 2. No record of when he did it in Scrp. but God knew.
- 3. Sins of omission & commission.
- 4. Zeal:
 - a) Patriotic & religious.
 - b) Intentions good.
 - c) Not according to knowledge.

Rom. 10:2 "For I bear them record that they"

Acts 26:9 I that verily am myself

- d) Irreverent & ungodly.
- e) Proud & tyrannical.
- f) Unjust & cruel.

- g) Selfish
- h) Popular & acceptable
- i) Unsuccessful

5. See perfidy of Saul.

III. David & Gibeonites

A. What shall I do?

- 1. National guilt; needs correcting.
- 2. Nation's word must be sacred.
- 3. Religionist word more so.

Peter: "What manner of person ought we"

- 4. Atonement = to cover up - in a good sense.

B. Gibeonites Request

- 1. Not silver or gold - money does not answer for blood.
- 2. Nor of his house - gold.
- 3. Nor Israelite - not destroy innocent.
- 4. But 7 sons.

- a) Blood guilty house.
- b) 7 complete.
- c) Families viewed with great solidarity.

5. Observations:

- a) Don't leave guilt and a curse to your family.
- b) Children do suffer sins of their parents.
- c) They may have joined Saul in the deed.

6. Hang in Gibeah

- a) Consumed us.

(1) Only here are we told Saul sought to destroy them.

(2) It was never the plan of God.

(3) We must not trifle with oaths.

b) Hang

(1) Either hung or

(2) Fastened to a stake - crucify as word used for both.

(3) After slew then put on stake.

(4) Didn't ask David to do it - they would.

c) Gibeah

(1) 5 miles N/W Jerusalem.

(2) Hanged at Saul's hometown to show guilt.

(3) Lord chose - publicly handle & show connection.

(4) What Saul did involved good name of the Lord.

7. David did it - spared Mephiboseth (2 of them).

a) Kept oath.

b) Kept only one who could be an heir to throne thus no "enemy ridance" for David - shows character.

Depression # 3

IV. Enter Rizpah

A. Who was she?

Depression # 4

1. Saul's concubine.

2. Mother of 2 killed - Amoni & Mephiboseth.

3. Name = hot stone.

4. Accused of sex with Abner.

2 Sam. 3:7

5. Old - needed her sons.

B. Hanged on a hill.

1. None of us know sorrow reserved for us.
2. Some tragedies to which we can only patiently submit.
3. 5 others died - Sons by Saul, oldest daughter.
 - a) Merab's boys - promised earlier to David but given to another.
 - b) Michal childless.

2 Sam. 6:23

c) Adopted these sons.

C. Rizpah's Action

1. Sons killed in harvest (April) and hung there til rains (Oct.) - water pour lit.
2. She fought off birds & beasts - day & night. *#2 #5*
3. Made a sackcloth tent & stayed there, guarding 7 corpse for 6 mos.
4. No one else helped.

D. Her vigil teaches much.

1. She did what she could.
2. When we can't do what you would, do what you could.
3. No power to stop killing or to take them down - she could guard bodies. *Betsy thru Barzais #7*
4. Wonder what she thought about as they became skeletons?
5. Women wait & watch often.
6. She tried no revenge as she kept her rocky bed & miserable shelter.

Whitton quote #8

7. Disgrace only deepened her compassion.
 8. Couldn't remove reproach but could share it.
 9. She refrained from violent & illegal methods to gain desired end.
 10. She did not give way to despondency or despair.
 11. Mother's love is a much tried thing; unselfish, sorrowful, sometimes honored. *Chaucer #9*
 12. Service is answer to grief.
 13. Can't block out joy forever -
Sis, "I'll be grandpa - doctor me!"
 14. Giving unlocks the heart.
- E. David told. *Emerson #10*
1. He could sympathize & act.
 2. Honorable burial.
 3. There is an honor due mortal remains.
- F. God entreated
1. Justice
 2. Then mercy
 3. Matters righted
 4. God does not have to tell us the reasons for His actions but we do ours.

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#3

Let's reduce it to a useful oversimplification: men derive self-esteem by being respected; women feel worthy when they are loved. This may be the most important personality distinction between the sexes.

Dr. O.A. BATTISTA: "A man's education will never end if he chooses a woman as his subject."

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#1

"It is an irrefutable fact," said the woman lecturer, "that throughout the world there are three men to one woman in every asylum." A man in the rear shouted, "True — but who put them there?"

#2

What Wives Wished Their Husbands Knew About Women. - Dobson P. 64

SOURCES OF DEPRESSION AMONG WOMEN

#4

Please rank the following sources of depression according to their applicability in your life. Do not sign your name.

IRRITANT	YOUR RANK	GUESSED RANK
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1. Absence of romantic love in my marriage.
2. In-law conflict.
3. Low self-esteem.
4. Problems with the children.
5. Financial difficulties
6. Loneliness, isolation, and boredom.
7. Sexual problems in marriage.

*what time did this
 few show about
 women
 Dobson*

#21

8. Menstrual and physiological problems.
9. Fatigue and time pressure
10. Aging.

A good woman inspires a man,
A brilliant woman interests him,
A beautiful woman fascinates him,
And a woman who can cook gets him.

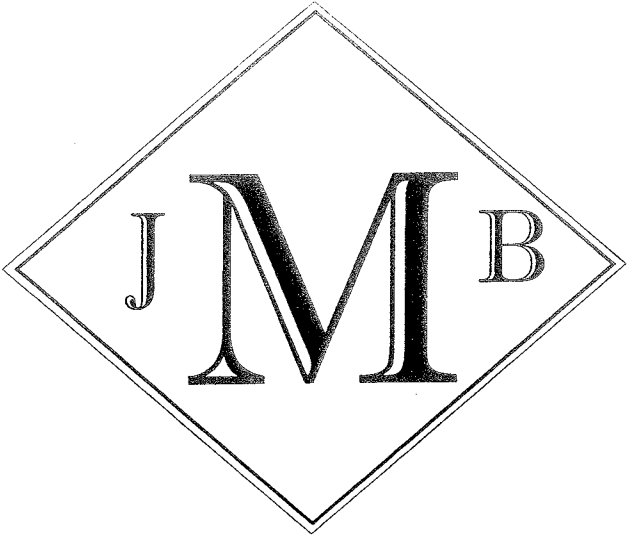
#16 The average woman would rather have beauty than brains, because the average man can see better than he can think.

#17
... What is better than gold? Jasper.
What is better than jasper? Wisdom.
And what is better than wisdom? Woman. And what is better than a good woman? Nothing.
CHAUCER

#18 Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily this is not difficult. —Charlotte Whitton

A sufficient and sure method of civilization is the influence of good women. —EMERSON

#10



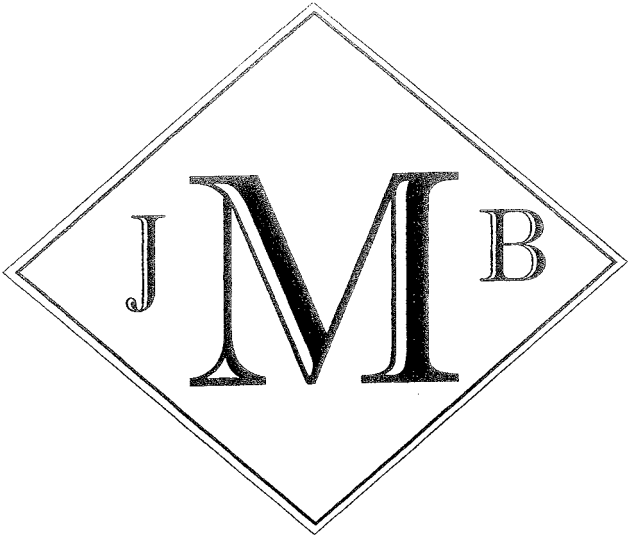
HER LIVING DEFENSE

II Samuel 22:1-4

- I. All of us know the death of Mabel Scott calls us to that memorial hour.
- II. We further know it is a most remarkable woman whose memory stirs us all. Why?
 - A. Born in a small town of a distinguished family.
 - B. Came here with musical talents galore.
 - C. Married an able lawyer.
 - D. Reared 5 children and to each she taught the way of the Lord and saw them embrace Him.
 - E. Did a lot of it in hard times and your boys were not the easiest I ever knew.
 - F. Faithful at West End.
 - G. Saw children in various success roles.
 - H. Later years of confinement--graciously borne.
- III. How did she do it?
 - A. Great funds, friends, fortune?
 - B. No, I'll tell you her line of defense.
2 Samuel 22:1-4
- IV. From this passage.
 - A. David elevates himself to par of Moses.
 - B. Uses great words.
 1. Rock--high cliff or precipice, Craig like.
 - a) Feelings stirred him.
 - b) Perils demand great refuge.
 2. Fortress--rock hard to climb
secure retreat, grandure, strength--protection.

- a) Reason didn't lose heart.
- b) God has boundless resources.
- 3. Shield--defense
 - a) Protect
 - b) Faith "I will trust."
 - c) I will call (v 4)
- 4. Horn-attack
 - a) Pursue enemies.
 - b) Taught what she believed to be right.
- 5. High tower--lofty heights, not a building.
 - a) Though respectful of man, needed more than man could give.
 - b) Place of safety.
- 6. Refuge--safe retreat.
 - a) Needed place of quiet rest.
 - b) Found part of it in the faithful assembly.
- 7. Deliverer--God to him.
 - a) Give rightful praise.
 - b) God deserves it.
 - c) Castles too high to be reached--safe.
- 8. Savior
 - a) Looks thus to future.
 - b) Lovely future
 - c) All above preliminary blessings.
- B. Feels God is worthy to be praised.
 - 1. Do we ask then forget to thank.

2. Hat and all with a little nodding of the head as she walked--gave her sense of assurance.
3. Need a heaven to fully do this as we thank God for moral excellencies and perfect judgements.
4. He is forever and ever (Eph. 3:21).



SIN: ITS CAUSE, ITS PENALTY, ITS REMOVAL
2 SAMUEL 24

- I. David did what we all do--he sinned.
 - A. We may not know why he did it.
 - B. This particular sin was to number the people. *Moses did it 3X - not wrong -*
 - C. Why did he do it? *see Motive*
 1. Was it vanity of mind seeking material glory?
 2. Was it to see how mighty he was and answer his thirst for blood?
 3. Was it a weakness because David perhaps was now old?
 4. "Why does my Lord the King delight in this thing?" goes unanswered?
 5. Was it a spirit of pride? *Greed?*
 6. Were there war like thoughts in his heart? *Power to repel*
 7. Was it a transfer of faith in God to the self-elation and pride in self? *Ample reserves*
 8. Was it a vain conceit of his own strength, confidence in his own greatness, dependence on his arm of flesh? Forget God?
 9. Could he rise step by step without God? *Speculate on Future?*
10. Remember pride can cause our fall.
11. Was David invading the throne of God by putting the crown on his own head?
12. Was he about to boast of his glory, his number, his "barns" of plenty?

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must be
King of
All Israel
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wrong

Sadon his own tide 1/2 as strong 262:11

- 13. Was he promoting himself? *rest*
- 14. When "I" becomes prominent we are in danger.
- 15. When we want our wealth and forget how we got it, we sin.
- 16. True we may never know the answer to that. *Chron says it was work of Satan*

II. David's Acknowledgement

2 Sam. 24:10 "I have sinned greatly in what done"

A. Sin is an act--an action--it misses the mark.

- 1. "I have done"--he did it and led other people also to sin.
- 2. To go against the will of God is madness.
- 3. Bravely he makes his confession.
- 4. He openly sees the folly of his disobedience. God did not want the people numbered--he presumed to act.
- 5. See David's estimate of himself in the eye of God.
- 6. All who make self, personal merit, human power a substitute for God do sin.
- 7. Sin needs be avoided--it brings humiliation, evil, sorrow, and invites others to join us in it.

B. Take away the iniquity--done foolishly.

- 1. We need a pentinent trust in the justice of God and His mercy.
- 2. To God against who he sinned he submits himself.

Made to excuses for himself - *unreserved confession*

3. Sin is foolishness and we often think it so smart.

III. God Provides the Remedy.

A. God sent Gad in the Morning.

1. After a long and solitary night as David saw his folly in his conduct.
2. The outpouring of the pentinent heart was known only to God--here are some of the most sacred experiences of life.

B. Gad the Seer

1. His visits results from David's repentance and not the cause of it.
2. Seer = one who looks with fixed eyes penetrate into hidden world.
3. He was sent in mercy to cure both King and the people.
4. God has his servants to send to help restore.
5. Every true preacher is sent by God.
 - a) He puts his trust in the word of God.
 - b) He must faithfully proclaim word.
 - c) He's not called to teach his own speculations.
 - d) He will offer a choice of punishments.
 - e) Preach the preaching I bid thee preach (Jonah 3:2).

C. God offers David 3 choices. He may choose, "God will do it unto thee."

1. 7 years of famine.

- a) God is open to the cry of repentance.
- b) Involves the people.
2. Three months before enemy pursuit.
 - a) Ezek. 14:21--famine, pestilence, sword mentioned.
 - b) David has experienced this.
3. Three days of Pestilence.
 - a) This to last a few hours.
 - b) Be horribly destructive.

D. David makes a choice (v-14).

1. Fall into hand of the Lord.
 - a) Fall into hand of God rather than man.
 - b) Impenitent sinner might choose man.
 - c) Man at his worst can only kill body.
 - d) Comfort to know God's hand is there.
2. Sin must be punished (Heb. 12:11).
3. Preachers urge sinner to consider this reaction to divine will.
4. Outline choices one has and urge consideration.
5. Pestilence came.
 - a) Hour appointed.
 - b) Dan to Beersheba--extensive.
 - c) 70,000 men died.
6. God in mercy saves Jerusalem.

E. David Pleads for the Sheep.

1. Prodigal comes to himself.
2. With elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on face (I Chron. 21:16).

A Judgement awaits worse than all these

V-14
Note in letter will state case when you gamble during your forced money & are hungry?

- David said Hard to see others hurt because 5. of us
 Take me 3. We can by ourselves and our sins
 Paul Rom 4:3 bring hurt to others.
- Moses 4. Anguish to our souls when we
 Exo 32 truthfully see what we've done to
 others. *Brings us to repentance*
5. Part of his chastisement is to see
 what he'd done to others.

IV. Now the threshing floor of Araunah.

- A. David to build an altar there.
- B. Araunah sees him coming.
1. Bows, face to ground.
 2. Asks why has the King come?
 3. Told to buy threshing floor, build an altar, stop the plague.
 4. Full cooperation, take oxen, threshing instruments, offer burnt offering.
 5. "The Lord thy God accept thee."
 6. Great to help someone do good.
- C. David's counter offer. *Can't have as much pleasure from others*
1. Buy at a price. *1 shek 25 from our own*
 2. Won't offer on material that costs me nothing. *Forced work is not good work*
 3. Sacrifice must be mine at all costs.
- D. Altar built, burnt and peace offerings made--and were acceptable.
1. Threshing floor and peace offerings David's at 50 shekels of silver.
 2. Lord was entreated.
 3. Plague was stayed.
 4. Pestilence did not continue unto time appointed--mercifully stayed.
 5. Thus David redeemed.

6. Holy Spirit grieved but did not depart.

7. Success and prosperity dependent on obedience.

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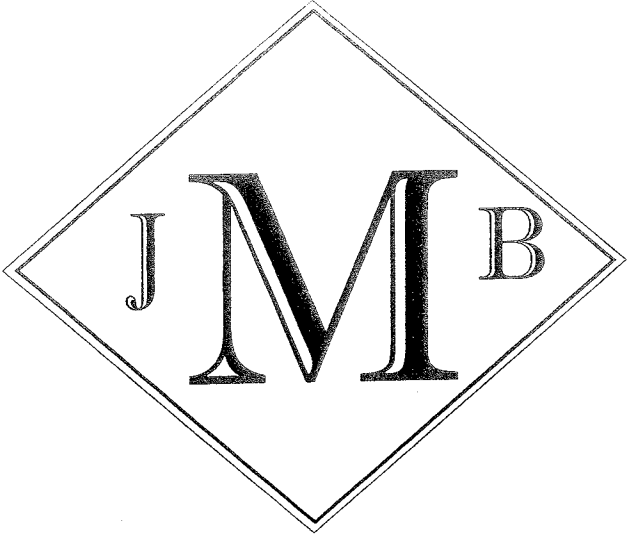
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Noah did, Moses - Lamb's blood

Abraham, center in wilderness

David altar - Jesus Col 1:20



AS A KING GIVES UNTO A KING

2 Samuel 24:16-

- I. Beautiful is the expression and wonderful is the way a King gives unto a King.
 - A. It teaches us how to deal with royalty.
 - B. As subjects wherein he has made us Kings (Rev. 1:6), how should we approach our Great King?
 - C. We find the principles as David deals with Araunah (II Samuel 24).
- II. To Set the Story
 - A. David has initiated a numbering.
 - B. Such did not please God as his servant goes beyond what he has asked for.
 - C. Rightfully punishment comes to the usurping disobedient.
 - D. A remedy is graciously provided--even as it is for us.
 1. Story is told in 1 Chronicles 24 also.
 2. One needs to read:
1 Chronicles 21:16
12:16
15:30
 - E. Lord sent the Pestilence.
 1. 70,000 died--an infraction of God's will is no minor thing.
 2. Angel comes with outstretched hand and sword to destroy Jerusalem.
 3. The Lord says "it is enough" (v-16) and changes his mind, giving a way to repentance.

4. All happens by the threshing floor of Araunah.
 - a) Floor usually built on an eminence.
 - b) Enabled wind to drive away chaff.
 - c) On East side of Jerusalem, outside the wall, upon Mt. Noriah later the site of the temple.

2 Chron. 3:1

III. These Events Took Place

A. David's confession "I have sinned."

1. Lit. I have done perverse or crooked early.
2. Self-will and personal ambition got him.
3. One has pointed out it is not true repentance when one looks for excuses and puts blame on others.
4. But like Moses asks that he do the suffering and the people set free.
5. He recognizes his guilt in "commanding the people to be numbered" (I Chron. 21:7).
6. How many of us know and own our own sin?

B. These sheep, what have they done?

1. People as sheep seemed innocent.
2. If any blame to them it is because of what he has done.

C. Blame me--not them.

1. Asks Jerusalem be spared & he is told to make sacrifice of atonement.

2 Chron. 21:28-30

2. The Good Shepherd gives his life for the sheep (John 10:11).
3. Historians say this was the turning point in Israel's history as a nation.
4. Offers himself and his father's house.

D. God told him to rear an altar.

1. David is told the route of reconciliation.
2. We have ours in Jesus.
 - a) He alone is the answer.
 - b) God sent his son independent of our asking or knowledge or commission.
 - c) God devises the method.
 - d) Only by God's revelation to us do we know.
 - e) Revealed from Heaven by faith.

Rom. 1:16-17

- f) On this we can rely without speculation.

E. Rear an Altar on Threshing Floor of Araunah.

1. East of Jerusalem--outside wall, on Mt. Moriah, as earlier noted to be temple site.
2. Araunah a Gentile by birth.
3. Proselyted to faith--see v-23.
4. Prosperous man.
5. Had 4 sons.
6. Grateful for David's trust.
7. Generous, public spirited.
8. Devout worshipper.
9. Ready to help.

F. Interview with Araunah.

1. Looked and saw David coming.
2. Met him and bowed to ground.
3. Why have you come?
4. Buy floor--built altar.
5. Take what seems good.
 - a) Offer without delay.
 - b) Offered everything v-22.
 - c) As a King to a King.
 - d) Do we give all we have--wealth, influence, life, to God's usage?
 - e) Is there any better way to use our possessions?
 - f) What better blessing for mankind.
 - g) Delight in doing this--not of necessity.
6. The Lord accept thee--question who is accepted by God?
7. What worship is accepted?
 - a) Sincere

Jn. 4:24

b) Humble

Lu. 13:10-14

c) Reverent

Heb. 12:28

d) Affectionate

Rom. 8:15

8. What gifts are acceptable?

a) From a pure heart.

Matt. 6:2-4

b) When they are our property proportionate to ability.

2 Cor. 8:12

9. God lets no giver to Him be a loser.

Matt. 25:29

10. David was offered all things necessary to worship--the whole gave Araunah as a King to a King.

G. David would not offer that which costs him nothing.

1. Can't worship God by the means of others.
2. Human possessions carry out great purposes of mercy.
3. His sacrifice was the divine appointed means of accepting repentance.
4. Baptism and prayer are essential today.
5. Bought the land.
6. Forgiveness granted and plague stayed.

H. Jesus our sacrifice.

1. David's animals are dead and altar gone.
2. Our Lord lives and for His sacrifice let us be grateful.

