

The Life of King David (3)



My Covenant to God

Everything is temporary, but God is eternal.

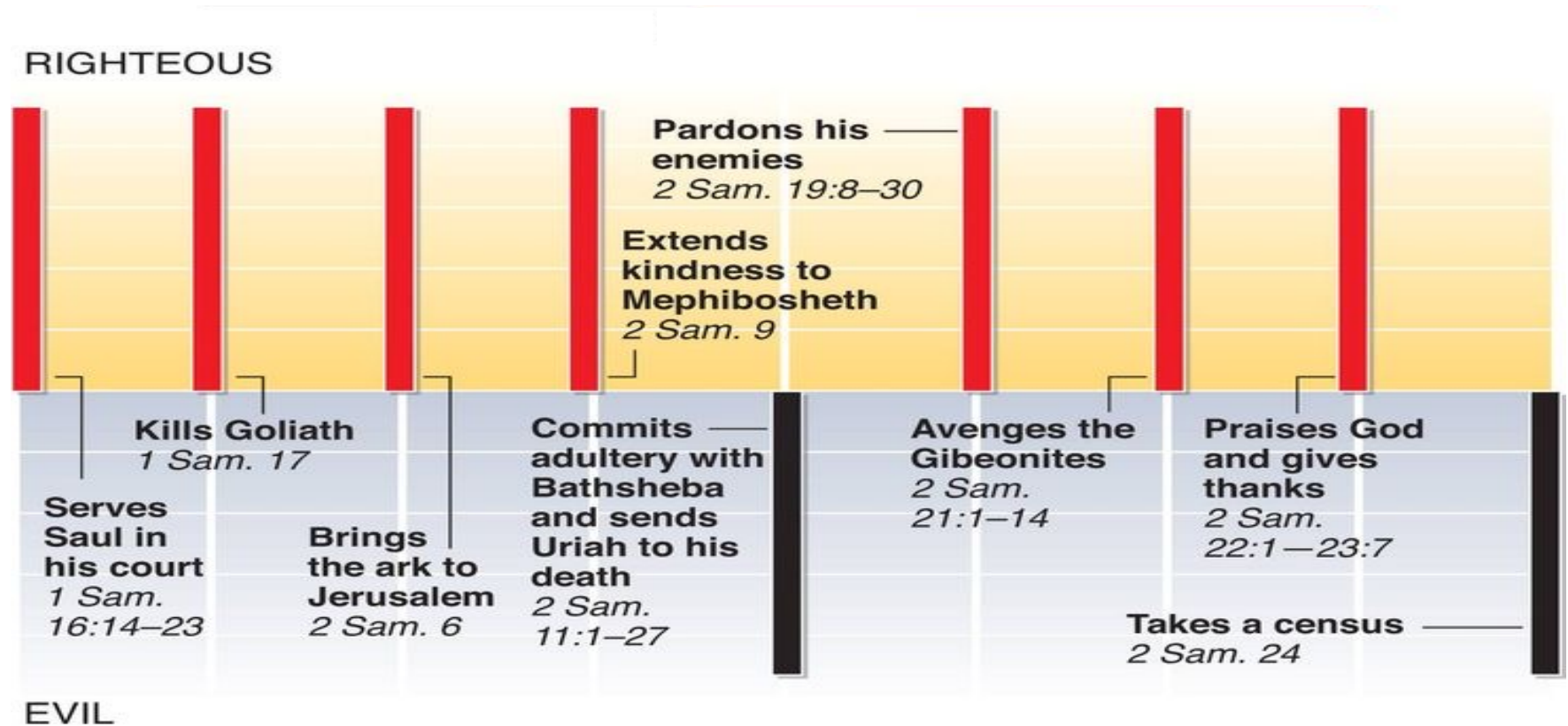
I can't change what I was before. But by the grace of God, I am a new creation today.

I am always growing, always changing, and always moving forward by the direction of God who is inside me.

I surrender my life to You and trust You for my forgiveness. Help me to follow You all of my life.

I love You, Father. Amen.

King David: What he has done



Two sins David has committed

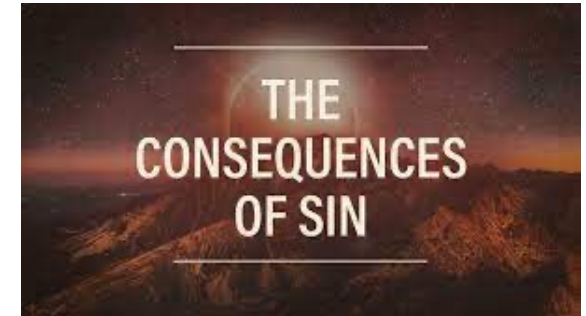
Murder and Adultery (2 Sam. 12)

- The sin of lust and flesh
- He steals Uriah's wife and then has him murdered as part of the coverup. The Lord then sends the prophet Nathan to confront David over his sin.
- It affected numerous people;
 - The child died.
 - His family would suffer division and public turmoil and deception.

Profane Census (2 Samuel 24)

- The sin of pride and self-confidence
 - David was determined to reach worldly greatness.
 - God (by allowing Satan) incited David to take a census of the enrolled fighting men.
 - After taking the census David was sorry and asked God's forgiveness
- God's wrath was so stirred up that 70,000 people died as a result.

Consequences of sins



- Adultery and murder
 - David's big sin in middle age was **lust** (a sin of the flesh/body, a visible sin). He committed adultery with Bathsheba, and has Uriah murdered.
 - Nathan to David: The sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah to be your own. Out of your own household I am going to bring **calamity** on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel (2 Samuel 12: 10-12).
- Profane census
 - David's big sin in his old age was not lust but **pride**. It was a sin of the spirit (an invisible sin).
 - Gad (the prophet) to David: Shall there come on you three years of famine in your land? Or three months of fleeing from your enemies? Or **three days of plague** in your land?...So the LORD sent a plague on Israel from that morning until the end of the time designated, and 70,000 of the people died (2 Samuel 24:13-15).

What is sin?

- Khata (to fail; to miss the goal), Hamartia
 - Failure to love God/people;
 - Sin is the opposite of God & love
 - Sin is always selfishness. I center myself in my life.
- Sin is always unbelief in who God is;

Anytime I am...	I show my unbelief in
Fearful or anxious	God's promises
Impatient	God's perfect timing
Resentful or bitter	God's wisdom
Carrying guilt	God's forgiveness
Feeling inadequate	God's power



Sin
Crime
Pride
Guilt
Lying

What's the problem with sin?

- Sin breaks my fellowship with God.
 - Your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear (Isaiah 59:2).
- Every time I sin, something dies inside me.
 - These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death (James 1:15, NLT)
- My sin maybe a secret, but it's never private.
 - If you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the LORD; and you may be sure that **your sin will find you out** (Numbers 32:23)
- Sin does long-term damage.
 - Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will **reap destruction**; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life (Galatians 6:7-8)

Sin causes...

- **A**: Anxiety, Alienation, Addiction
- **B**: Broken Hearts/Bodies, Bitterness
- **C**: Compulsion, Crime
- **D**: Debt, Disease
- **E**: Eternal Separation
- **F**: Fear
- **G**: Guilt
- **H**: Hostility
- **I**: Injustice,
- **J**: Jealousy
- **K**: Killing Someone's Emotion
- **L**: Loss of Joy
- **M**: Missed Opportunities/Blessings



- **N**: National Decline
- **O**: Oppression
- **P**: Pride, Perversion, Pollution
- **Q**: Quarreling
- **R**: Relational Conflict
- **S**: Stress, Suffering, Shame
- **T**: Thief
- **U**: Unforgiven
- **V**: Violence
- **W**: Whining, Worries
- **X**: eXiled From the Community
- **Y**: Yelling
- **Z**: Zero-sum

Circle your sins

pride, envy, gossip,
laziness, drunkenness,
depression, stealing,
lying, anxiety, fornication

Discussion questions

1. Do you believe God can forgive your worst sin? Why or why not?
2. What needs to change about the way you confess your sin to God?
3. If we have been justified through faith, why should we keep confessing when we sin?

*Let us come **boldly** to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most (Hebrews 4:16, NLT)*

***If** we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)*

Breaking the grip of sin in your life

- We need a penitent heart like David.
 - God works the same today as He did during the days of David
 - When David sins, it bothers him. He is spiritually sensitive. He did not need a prophet to rebuke him. He rebuked himself. His own conscience rebuked him.
- When you sin, remember what Jesus did for you.
 - Although he was crucified in weakness, he now lives **by the power of God**. We, too, are weak, just as Christ was, but when we deal with you we will be alive with him and will **have God's power** (2 Corinthians 13:4)
 - He **personally** carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed (1 Peter 2:24)



CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

- Remember that forgiven sin still has consequences.
 - **Do not take sin lightly.** While it's wonderful to read of God's lavish forgiveness, we should pay careful attention to the painful and fitting consequences the Lord brought upon David for his sin.
 - The consequences of sin may be far reaching and greater than you realize in how it affects the lives of people (self, family, community and nation).
 - But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. He will judge everyone according to what they have done. He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. But he will pour out his anger and wrath on **those who live for themselves**, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness (Romans 2:5-8).

Final Lessons

- Sin is a life-long struggle.
 - Don't expect to reach sinless perfection. Nowhere does the Bible say that a Christian in this life will ever be completely perfect. All people in the Bible sinned. When you come to God with honesty and humility, you will receive his forgiveness.
 - Although he was crucified in weakness, he now lives **by the power of God**. We, too, are weak, just as Christ was, but when we deal with you we will be alive with him and will have God's power (2 Corinthians 13:4).
- We should make progress against sin.
 - We should continue to grow spiritually until we go to meet the Lord. Growth is a part of life. Have you made spiritual progress in your own life?