

The Glorious Gospel

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2 Samuel 24:14-25

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Introduction

- The last chapter of Samuel... what a way to wrap-up David's life!
- Not a eulogy, but David's greatest strength: his repentance and faith in God

Judgment for Sin

- David sinned by commanding an ungodly census of military power
- David convicted of his sin¹⁰ upon completion of census
- God sent prophet Gad w/ 3 choices... David chose God's merciful hands

The Great Mercy of God

- Now 3rd time David has turned to & trusted God's mercy^{12:22;16:12}
- David's assumptions about God's mercy are astounding in face of crisis¹⁴
- Men can't stop plague; plague strikes at numerical strength of census
- Plague described w/ similar language of census v7 vs. v15

God's Mercy is Shown

- David prayed for God's mercy - v16 God: *"It is enough"*. See 1 Chr 21¹⁶⁻¹⁷
- God shows mercy to sinners who humble themselves and repent
- We often ask, 'why do bad things happen to good people?' poor question
- Israel nor David were 'good people', neither are we 'good people' Rom3¹⁰⁻¹¹
- None deserve good things, we deserve judgment, but look to God...
- Ex34⁶⁻⁷ God is *merciful, gracious, slow-to-anger, abounding in steadfast love*
- David understood that about God and placed himself under God's hand

David Seeks to be a Substitute Mediator

- David asks for punishment upon his house¹⁷
- David was offering himself for the sake of the people - but he is a sinner
- David's promised Son Jesus^{25:16} could. Jesus is the perfect mediator^{1Tim2:5-6}
- But in the meantime Gad instructs David to build an altar¹⁸

A Merciful God

- Threshing floor of Araunah - where God 'relents'; God not like us^{Num23:19}
- God instructs David to build altar on the threshing floor on Mt. Moriah^{2Chr3:1}
- Solomon later built the temple there^{2Chr3:1}
- On Mt. Moriah Abraham told to offer Isaac; God substituted a ram^{Gen22:1-14}
- Under Covenant God allows a substitute for sinners^{Gen22:14;2S24:25;Lev1:4}
- God provided Ultimate Sacrifice who took away sin & God's wrath: Jesus^{1Jn1:29}
- Jesus crucified on Golgotha, outside the camp^{Lev16:27-28} for sinners^{Heb13:12}
- Jesus' sacrifice was something new and greater therefore complete^{Heb10:10}
- Unlike Old Covenant salvation not a location but through faith^{1Jn4:21-26}

David Looked to His Lord in Faith

- 2 Samuel ends w/ David back in fellowship with God by sacrifice
- You too can find fellowship with God, not by burnt offerings or a place...
- We find fellowship with God by faith in God's provision for our sin - Jesus
- *It will be counted to us who believe in Him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification*^{Rm4:24-25}