



LIFE GROUP SERMON NOTES

“Kings & Queens: King David”

Sr. Pastor James Lowe – July 6, 2014

WARM-UP (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. *No right or wrong answers.*

- When were you saved? How has your life changed?
- How are we to deal with the sins in our lives?
- Who are the people who have helped you in your Christian walk? How did they contribute?

WORD (10-15 minutes)

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REVIEW -

Reference Acts 13:20-22

This is the succession review of David becoming king. God gave the people judges until Samuel the prophet was appointed. Then, God gave the people King Saul for 40 years, then after God removed King Saul, He appointed King David. Even though David did grievous, sinful acts after he became king, God said “he was a man after My heart, who will do all My will”. How is that possible? King Saul was sorrowful, but not repentant. David was repentant and recognized that when he sinned, it was directly against God, and there were no excuses that could justify his actions. Saul was not submissive to God, yet, David was. God chose to favor David because of the condition of his heart, and not based on his actions. God was merciful to David even though his sins warranted otherwise.

CONVICTION-

Three things occur in our lives to help move us toward rebirth and fruitfulness:

Reference 2 Samuel 12:1-8

1. Reminds us of our sin. The Lord sent Nathan the prophet to David to speak a parable to him. David was furious against the wrongdoer in the story, and Nathan reminded him of the sin of adultery with Bathsheba and the subsequent sins he committed, even murder. David had been abundantly blessed by the Lord, and yet, through his lust, he wanted more. When David recognized the story was about him, he was repentant for what he had done against the Lord (v13).

Our ways seem just in our own eyes, so often it takes a spouse, a pastor, or someone else in our lives to remind, or reveal, to us what we have done.

These Biblical stories of sin are for us, not for our neighbor. We cannot hide or deny our sins by comparing them with the supposed sins of others. Our sins cannot be justified by looking for the sins of someone else.

Reference 2 Samuel 12:9-12

2. **Rebukes us** – out of love and not to do harm. God tells David of the magnitude of his sins, and shows him the consequences of his actions. This includes the death of the infant son born from the adulterous relationship of David and Bathsheba, and the continual internal family conflicts within David’s family. As God’s people, there are things and activities, we simply cannot participate in or speak about. We are not to pursue our own fleshly temptations – God does not tempt us, we are tempted of our own accord (worldly lusts). We are to move away from sinfulness.

Reference 2 Samuel 12:13; Romans 5:6-11

3. **Gives us opportunity to repent.** By reminding and rebuking us, we are presented with the fact that we are sinners, and in need of the Savior. In verse 13 of 2 Samuel, David recognizes he has sinned against God, and is repentant. We know this because Nathan says the Lord has put away his sin, and he shall not die. But, he does have consequences for the rest of his life. We are not exempt from the consequences of our sins. Romans reminds us that Jesus came for sinners, and He died for us while we were sinners so that we are reconciled back to God.

We cannot plot to cover up our sin, but must, instead, be ready to confess and repent. We will not prosper if we do otherwise.

If we do not respond with repentance when we are reminded and rebuked, then we will not enter into the rebirth that God’s redemption provides. If we are not “born again”, then there will be no fruitfulness, and all we will have are the consequences of our actions (sins). The story of David shows how we can have forgiveness (our sins “blotted” out), and be saved from God’s wrath. We will still have to face the consequences of what we have done, even though they may be lessened by God’s sovereign mercy.

PERSONAL APPLICATION (10-15 minutes)

Choose an item below to discuss, or introduce another related topic for discussion.

- Has there ever been anyone come into your life that shows (reminds) you of how you have sinned? How did you initially respond? Were you repentant?
- When you accepted the Lord, what changed (or should have changed) in your life?
- How does one go about trying to hide and/or justify their own sins? Before we are saved? After we are saved? (Hint: looking for how we “compare” our sins to others’ sins so ours don’t seem so bad)

PRAYER (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- That we would be open to the Holy Spirit’s conviction (rebuke).
- That we would be quick to confess our sins and not try to deny them or “cover them up”.
- That we would have truly repentant hearts and a desire to turn away from sin.