

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005: Overview of OT: 2 Samuel: 2 Sam 7:18-29**

The books of 1 and 2 Samuel were originally one book, so consequently the last story in 1 Samuel concerning the death of King Saul is followed in 2 Samuel 1 by the account of events that followed his death. Straightaway our attention is drawn to David and he becomes the main focus throughout the rest of the book. The following outline of 2 Samuel highlights that fact. Indeed Samuel does not rate a mention in this book so perhaps it should really be called the book of David!

<b>FOCUS</b>	David's Triumphs 1:1—10:19	David's Transgressions 11:1—11:27	David's Troubles 12:1—24:25
<b>DIVISIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political Triumphs</li> <li>• Spiritual Triumphs</li> <li>• Military Triumphs</li> </ul>	Sins of Adultery and Murder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Troubles in David's House</li> <li>• Troubles in David's Kingdom</li> </ul>
<b>TOPICS</b>	Success Obedience	Sin Disobedience	Failure Judgment
<b>PLACE</b>	First Hebron (7 ½ yrs) then Jerusalem	Jerusalem	Jerusalem

**In Acts 13:20-22 we find a brief summary**... period of 1 & 2 Samuel → v20-22....

. Such a wonderful commendation .....& David received that from God

Commendations are so important for our emotional well being

**Last Monday.....TWFD.....mentioned the subject of Approval addiction**

*The symptoms are: living in bondage to what others think of us; getting easily hurt by what they say; a nagging sense that we aren't good enough; trying to impress important people. And like all addicts we'll go to any lengths for a "fix".*

*Henri Nouwen writes: "Many of my daily preoccupations suggest that I belong more to the world than to God. A little criticism makes me angry....a little praise raises my spirits....often I am like a small boat on the ocean, completely at the mercy of the waves."*

As I read that it struck a chord within me.....for I tend 2b approval addict I like to keep....happy: I want people to like me

Yet the bottom line is.....the only opinion.....really counts....is God's

**And I love to hear Him say about me**.....what He said about David

A man after my own heart....who does everything I want him to  
**Don't you yearn for that too ????**

**The fantastic thing this morning.....**is that because of Jesus its possible  
And if God could say that about David.....then we all have a chance.....

**You see David was far from the perfect man**  
He allowed sin to enter his life in a big way.....stay there

His sin of adultery with Bathsheba....subsequent murder....Far from the only sin  
Stand as the pinnacle sin

**Its import for us to note...how it all began**  
Turn to 2 Sam 11:1.....

**As a king**.....David had a resp under God.....to go with his men  
But he remained in.....He sent someone else to do his job  
And what a warning this is for every Xtian

**Its when we stop doing the things that are part of being a Christian**  
Things like gathering with other believers  
Reading God's Word  
Praying to Him....Praising Him.....glorifying Him as a way of life  
Going into battle on His behalf.....Seeking to share His love

**Its when we get into the habit of not doing**.....Most vulnerable to the attacks of

**So it was with David**  
He wasn't really meant to be in Jerusalem at that time  
But because he was there.....he saw Bathsheba.....he was tempted  
**His servant** told him who she was.....The wife of.....**But David**

**What followed** was a cold and calculated plan.....to try to lure Uriah into.  
And when that failed.....a premeditated act of murder

**The worst part of all this though**.....was that for close to a year....David carried on  
as normal.....He worshiped and led in worship.....He married the widow....had a child

**He sat in judgment** over the Kingdom as God's king.....as tho done nothing wrong  
**And tho his actual wrong doing**.....out of our league.....**His cover up is not**  
**God however, sees all.....**And in chpt 11....read how God thro his prophet Nathan

**What follows is truly wonderful**

David sincerely repents.....And God forgives him

**He still** has to suffer the consequences.....**But** God cleanses his heart

**After this experience David wrote Psalm 51**

Let me read some of it to you v1-12.....

**God sees each of us this morning.....looks upon our lives with love,,,compassion**  
**And where sin is.....**He wants you to see it as He sees it →Then to repent so that He..

**God answered David's prayer**...He created in him a new.....A heart after His own  
And He promises the same for all who will seek His forgiveness and love

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**There were other things David did....**that kept Him as a man after God's own heart

**As Acts 13 stated**.....He made a practice of doing what God wanted Him to do  
He listened to God and obeyed Him  
He made a point of pleasing God first

**Often we spend so** much time pleasing others.....that we don't take time....  
To sit with God.....and to discover what He wants us to do

**Being busy in the church**.....is not necessarily doing what God wants  
(Remember the story of Martha and Mary)

**He also truly worshipped God**

His psalms are expressions of worship.....honest....yet respectful...from the heart

*Many of you write poems in praise*.....Some write songs  
Is it something you could do this week...

**And there were times in his public worship**.....when he forgot others.....  
And just let the joy of the Lord take over.....WHEN he danced b4 the ark

**But especially** .....worship for David .....was more than just a couple of hours  
It was his life

**In that passage we read this morning from 2 Sam 7: 18**

We read that David went and sat before the Lord.....and there he poured out his heart

**When did you last** truly sit before the Lord.....**wasn't** it a special joy

**And I ask that**....not to make you feel guilty

**But to remind you**....or perhaps tell you.....**OF the incredible** joy

That God reserves for His children....when they take the time to sit

**Then the final thing that I want to mention**

Is that David was kept by God...as a man after God's own heart.....

because he never stopped giving to God...as an expression of his love

**He valued God's love and** mercy so much.....and showed that by freely giving  
...without holding back

**He so wanted to build a Temple**

Yet he still poured into the work so much.....

**In 2 Sam 24:24 David says**.....

He gave freely to God.....because he knew how much The Shepherd....had done for him

**The secret of being a person after God's own heart**

**Is not being** a perfect person with no sin or failings

**But being a sinner**....who knows the forgiveness

**And who** now seeks to truly worship....out of a depth of love and thankfulness

**Who listens** and obeys: gives without holding back; and wants what God wants

**Upon such God looks and rejoices over hearts like His.**

