

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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My Name Is David

As I walked down into the valley to meet the great giant, the Philistine, my thoughts went back to the time that I was tending the sheep - a lion and a bear had attacked the herd. I recall how I had fought them off and killed them - saving the sheep. Where did the strength come from to do that? Would God provide the strength that I needed now to defeat this foe? He did!

Years later, the prophet Samuel came to me and anointed me with oil, saying that I was the "chosen one of God." I would be the King of God's people. But Saul was still King and I cannot go against the "anointed of God." And so I did my best to stay clear of Saul even though he was determined to kill me - he, too, knew that God had chosen me. And then the day came that Saul was slain of the Philistines and I was now the King of Israel.

Some time past and my people were at war, but I was not there to lead them. I was in the King's house. I could not sleep and walked out to the rooftop. It was a moonlit night and I saw a young maiden bathing herself. She was very beautiful and I allowed lust to enter my heart and conceive. She was Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite who was at battle. I called for her and she came and laid with me in my bed. And she conceived. I had to find a way to disguise this sin. So, I devised a plan to have Uriah killed. And he was.

I brought Bathsheba in to be my wife and she bore me a son. But my sin was not hidden from God and it would not stand. The prophet Nathan came and confronted me with my sin and the consequences that would befall. My son would die.

“. . . . Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the LORD,

Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die. 2 Samuel 12: 7-14 (KJV)

So now my years are old and I have served the Lord, my God, faithfully. My son, Solomon, came unto me and I said, ***“I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.”*** 1 Kings 2:2-4 (KJV)

Oh God, thou hast blest me. Thou hast restored my soul. As I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I know thou art with me. Goodness and mercy has followed me all the days of my life. My home now is with Thee in Heaven. Lord, take me home!

Can we say this about our life?

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the *“most of your minutes”* this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland