Study Guide The Royal Flush (Easter 2024) Pastor Bobby Davis

Key Verse

For who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house.

Matthew 12:29 (NLT)

We often think that God cannot fully come into our lives until we have gotten the sin out of our lives. However, Jesus tells us in Matthew 12:29 that His desire is to come into our lives and drive Satan and sin out of our lives with His power.

The message of Jesus is, "Let me in, and I'll flush out the sin. Get filled with me, and I will set you free."

Read John 7:37-39.

How does Jesus come into our lives and flush sin out of our hearts? Is this a one-time cleansing, or do we need to be flushed out continually? What are some ways that we can allow Jesus to continually flush out our hearts?

Matthew 12:43-45 (NLT)

"When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest but finding none. Then it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.' So it returns and finds its former home empty, swept, and in order. Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before. That will be the experience of this evil generation."

If we do not allow Jesus to continually fill us after He emptied us of our sin, then we run the risk of falling victim to our old habits and additions again. The key to staying free is allowing Jesus to continually pour His Spirit in.

<u>Read 2 Corinthians 3:16-18.</u> <u>Have you been focused on quitting your sin, or have you been focused on getting Jesus in?</u> <u>What happens when we truly take off our masks and let Jesus into our hearts?</u>

It is important that we stop focusing on quitting and start focusing on getting Jesus in. The only way to find true joy and fulfillment in this life is to let Jesus in.

In the Christian world, we often say that salvation means giving your life to Jesus, but this can be a misleading description of what salvation truly is.

Read Galatians 2:20.

<u>Is it accurate to describe salvation as "giving your life to Jesus"?</u> <u>What might be a more accurate description of salvation?</u> Why might it be important for us to understand Jesus living in us versus us living with Him?

John 10:10 (AMPC)

The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).

Salvation is Jesus giving His life to you – allowing Him to come in and live in and through you.

What are some of the things that keep you from fully allowing Jesus to live in you? What are some things that you have tried to satisfy your inner reliance in place of God? How can we ensure that our inner reliance forms an alliance with God, not other things?

Colossians 3:3 (NLT)

Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

Our real lives are found only in Christ (hidden with Him) – we will never find life in this world. Not all of us get addicted to drugs, but we all spend our lives searching for some type of fix. The question becomes, "Are we searching for a fix, or are we allowing Jesus Christ to fix us?"

We are not only hindered in our spiritual walk by sin that we commit ourselves – sometimes, the sin that others have done to us can open the door to Satan's influence in our lives through pain, anxiety, fear, anger, bitterness, depression, etc.

How have you experienced Satan's influence in your life as a result of someone else's sin? Have you allowed Jesus to fix your need for a fix in that area of your life? What are some things that you need to let Jesus flush out of your life and heart today?

The Royal Flush – If you need something out of your life (whether it's something you've done or something that's been done to you), let Jesus into your life. Don't try to flesh it out, let Jesus flush it out. Stop trying and start relying.

Jesus can flush out things from within, but if we want that freedom we must invite Him in.