

"THE FRUIT OF WAITING ON THE LORD"

II Samuel 1-5

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. David chooses to end 18 months of carnality: (1 Sam. 27:1)
 - 1. Where his carnal "self" took him: (See back)
 - 2. The "reasonable" solution for carnality: (1 Sam. 30:6; Rom. 12:1) (See back)
"If this is where you have me, Lord, I am yours here."
- B. The buds of fruitfulness become visible: (1 Sam. 30:6-31)
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 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
- C. Romans 8:28 applied: (1 Sam. 31)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

II. BLESSED TO BE CROWNED THRICE:

- A. God crowns him king when he is 17 years old: (1 Sam. 16:7, 12-13)
 - 1. What God was looking for: v. 7
 - 2. Why God anointed him: (See Ps. 78:70-72)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
- B. Hebron crowns him king when he is 30 years old: Chapters 2-3
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- C. All of Israel crowns him king when he is 37 years old: Chapters 4-5
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

A.

B.

C.

Repentance: The Bible tells us that without repentance, there can be no forgiveness of sin and therefore no salvation. Repentance means I must be willing to put a self-run life behind me and to turn around in order to live a surrendered life to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If I want to turn to the sunset in the western sky, that choice will automatically turn me from facing east. I can't face east and west at the same time. When I make the choice to change direction by repenting, there is a willingness now to follow Christ in total obedience. Jesus as God the Son, now runs my life at the expense of myself. The proof that I understood and have made the choice to surrender my life to Christ, will be evident by my willingness to listen to Him and follow Him through the guidance provided in the Bible. Jesus reminds us that one who is truly saved, "hears his voice, and follows Him" in John 10:27. My life is summarized like this: I believed in who Christ is and what Christ has done for me at the cross, I repented by changing direction in choosing to place Christ in charge at the expense of myself, and I am following Him which is the evidence that I am truly saved.

The Natural Man: (1 Cor. 2:14) It has been said that 60% of evangelical congregations in America are not saved. The natural man goes to church because family and friends do, and is comfortable there due to family habits. He operates entirely under the flesh (self), or human effort trusting in himself to be good enough to get to heaven. He may be educated and a "religious" person, but he is blinded by his sinful nature, to be in charge and for things to go his way. He is lost and hopelessly separated from God, headed to a Christless eternal existence when he dies, in everlasting torment. His only hope is to repent (change direction) and place his faith in Christ to save him from his sin debt, and surrendered the control of his life from himself to Jesus Christ for all of his tomorrows.

The Spiritual Man - fruitful: (1 Cor. 2:15-3:1a; Jn. 15:2) There is often a small handful of spiritual people represented in an evangelical congregation. It can involve any age group beyond the age of accountability. He has willfully surrendered to Christ, hungry to serve Christ faithfully, and not consciously resisting the Holy Spirit's conviction in any area of his life. His life is characterized with prompt obedience and when he disobeys, he promptly repents, taking full responsibility for the disobedience without justifying it or blaming someone else, and attempts with Christ's help, never to commit the offense again. He therefore wisely is fruitful in leading others to Christ. (Pro. 11:30) His daily prayer life, daily time in the Word, and sitting under the public teaching of the Word, is his catalyst for growth. (1 Pet. 2:2) He desires the Word so that he may grow up in maturity and bear much fruit for Jesus Christ "that remains" for eternity. (Jn. 15:16) Spirituality is not about how much you know about God but what you do with what you know about Him.

The Carnal Man - unfruitful: (1 Cor. 3:1-4; Jn. 15:2) The carnal man makes up the "super majority" of the congregants of any evangelical church. He is a believer who due to willful disobedience has placed himself back in charge of his life at the expense of Christ being in charge, and stubbornly refuses to repent (change). (1 Sam. 15:22-23) "Self" is calling the shots in his life instead of Christ. He is quickly recognized by his response when being confronted, to quickly justify the wrong, blames someone else, or counterattack the one bringing the wrong to his attention. He may have a thorough grasp of Scripture but tends to be critical (1 Cor. 3:3) and isn't spiritually growing up and bearing fruit that "remains" (Jn. 15:16; 1 Cor. 3:15; Pro. 11:30), because his willful and stubborn disobedience is smothering the work of the Holy Spirit in his life. (1 Sam. 15:23-24; 1 Thes. 5:19; Eph. 4:30-31)

SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breathe my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.