

# The Life of David: How Have the Mighty Fallen! (1Samuel31; 2Sam1)

## 1. The Death of Saul and Jonathan (1Samuel31)

- A. Saul dies because of his \_\_\_\_\_ and unrepentant heart (*1Samuel28:16-19*)
- B. Saul's sin is very costly to him and all those \_\_\_\_\_ him! (*1Sam28:19; 31:1-10*)
  - 1. Saul's sin cost his life, the army of Israel, his armor bearer and his sons!  
\*Think about the families of all those men!
  - 2. Saul's sin brought blasphemy on God! (*vs.9,10*)  
\*Think of the difference here, as with David vs. Goliath  
\*Saul died a coward, asking one to kill him, instead of fighting to death
- C. The wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_ (*Rom6:23a; Ezekiel18:4*)
  - 1. It matters not if you are King, or Priest, or soldier or son – sin brings death to all
  - 2. God sees all sin and holds us accountable; all God spoke in Deut28 has come to pass!

## 2. David's Response to Their Death (2Samuel1)

- A. The thoughts of the Amalekite – I will gain a \_\_\_\_\_ from David (*2Sam1:2-10*)
  - 1. All, even Philistines, knew Saul had pursued David to kill him for many years
  - 2. David's response – *2Sam1:11-16; 4:9-12*
  - 3. A side note – it is wrong to assist anyone to kill themselves...
- B. Why would David respond like this? *Prov24:17,18; 17:5*
  - 1. It is wrong and sin to rejoice over the death of your enemies – for they meet the Judgment!
  - 2. No matter how far King Saul had fallen, he was still God's anointed! God's authority!
  - 3. David trusted God with his own life, and with God's timing on when he would be king
  - 4. David trusted God to remove Saul, and would not take matters into his own hands!
- C. David \_\_\_\_\_ for the state of God's people, which was in ruin
  - 1. Notice *2Sam1:12,19*
  - 2. David is broken-hearted and mourns, calling all to join him, over the mighty who have fallen  
\*The once great King, and his son, David's dearest friend – Jonathan; *2Sam1:19-27*  
\*note: *vs26, there is no homosexuality here, this is a deep bond of real love, no sex!*
- D. What should our current attitude be in America? *2Sam1:9; 2Chron7:14*
  - 1. Would we be glad to see our political opponents die?
  - 2. Are we mourning over the state of our land, or is it life as usual? Or anger?
  - 3. Where have the mighty men of moral integrity who used to lead families, churches, military, gone?

## 3. O How the Mighty Have Fallen in the Midst of the Battle! (2Timothy4:1-5)

- A. We are in a very real \_\_\_\_\_ for the souls of mankind and the glory of God – look at its Pastors...
  - 1. Gross immorality, greed – immoral affairs and saying they need a Rolex and private jet
  - 2. Thousands of Pastors leaving ministry, vast majority left don't preach God's word
- B. Charles Spurgeon dies in early 50's because of \_\_\_\_\_ the "downgrade" of the church in his day
  - 1. he left the Baptist denomination, having largest church world-wide, then they censured him
  - 2. His words... bear in zoo, what about home? Luther and Calvin 400 yrs ago but not now...
- C. What is our call from God today? *2Timothy4:1-5*
  - 1. God's call on your pastor – the legal subpoena on my life and day of reckoning  
\*\*\*\*\**Acts10:42; 17:30,31; 2Cor5:9-10; 1Cor4:1-5*
  - 2. God's call on you... pray for and encourage your pastors and elders! This is your accounting.