

## **2 Samuel 23-24 “When Counting Is Wrong”**

So this week we are going to finish up our study through 1 and 2 Samuel and next week we'll be in the book of Romans chapter 1 if you want to go ahead and read that ahead of time.

I think you would agree that it has been quite a journey through these books of the Bible. And we have watched David go through both good times and bad times in his life. We have seen many great victories in his life and several failures that took place as well. David has been in extremely joyous times in his life, in times of fear, in times of depression, in times of sadness and in just about every other kind of emotion a human can experience.

Through it all David has been called a man after God's own heart. Even though this was a man that failed at times the underlying drive of his life was to seek after God, to remain humble before the Lord, to give his heart to seeking and living for the One that had forgiven him.

Let's step into our text today if you look at verse 1 of chapter 23 which says **Now these are the last words of David.**

**Thus says David the son of Jesse;**

**Thus says the man raised up on high,**

**The anointed of the God of Jacob,**

**And the sweet psalmist of Israel:**

Here we have some of the last words of David and I suppose when we think about life and we are getting towards the end of life there are certain things we want to say and for David this was some of what was closest to his heart.

We might notice that David identifies himself not as a somebody but as a nobody as he first states that he was simply the son of Jesse. I like that because David after all he has been through remembered that he began from a place of humility as his father was a farmer and David was a simple shepherd boy.

I do think we should always keep in mind who we were before the Lord called us and to recall all the Lord has brought us through.

He then says that he was a man that was raised up on high and that he was the anointed of God. David knew that all he was was simply the grace of God in his life and we might remember that God first anointed him when his family had overlooked him while Samuel the prophet was in their home.

While his family may have overlooked him God had not...and I take comfort in that. The Lord has a way of taking those that might be overlooked in life and using them in this world.

And then notice David says of himself that he is the sweet psalmist of Israel. David does not speak of his military victories or his might in life but instead he wanted people to remember that he had an incredible relationship of worship and closeness to the Lord. I suppose that would be the best way to be known in life as simply an individual that seeks and serves the Lord with all our heart.

Look with me at verses 2-4 with me which say <sup>2</sup>**“The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me,**

**And His word was on my tongue.**

<sup>3</sup>**The God of Israel said,**

**The Rock of Israel spoke to me:**

**'He who rules over men *must be just,***

**Ruling in the fear of God.**

**<sup>4</sup>And *he shall be like the light of the morning when the sun rises,***

**A morning without clouds,**

**Like the tender grass *springing out of the earth,***

**By clear shining after rain.'**

I think as we look at this that there is no question that God spoke both to and through David as he went through life. I am reminded of the Psalms that David wrote that specifically prophesy of Jesus and His death upon the cross and you might read Psalm 22 for more on that.

I wonder today if you and I can say that the Word of God is on our tongues? Can we say that it resides strongly within our hearts and souls? Can we say that the Word of God is more important to us than any other word or advice that the world might offer?

We can see here that the Lord had ministered and spoken to David about what a ruler was to be. Notice it says here that the ruler was to be just and that they were to rule in the fear of God.

I have a question for you...How many of you would find it awesome and incredible if the rulers that we had in our lives and the authorities in our lives ruled with justice and they ruled with a proper fear of God? Can you imagine what our nation would be like if we had righteous rulers?

What would happen in our nation if we had rulers that had only one focus and it wasn't to please the people they were serving and it wasn't to fill their bank accounts with money and gain but instead they were simply ruling with one goal and that was to honor God in

their lives and to point people to the One that Created them...man that would just be an incredible thing to behold if our whole government would rule properly.

Certainly we should pray that God would have mercy and give us Godly leaders.

Notice in verse 4 that those who rule in a godly way are like the light of the morning when the sun rises...I know some of you aren't morning people but there is something glorious about the sun rising and the clouds are none to be seen and the refreshing times of rain that come on the land are a blessing indeed. So are those that rule with godliness in their hearts.

Look at verse 5 which says <sup>5</sup>**“Although my house is not so with God, Yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant, Ordered in all things and secure. For this is all my salvation and all my desire; Will He not make it increase?”** David knew that he himself had failed in some ways in his life. I suppose all of us would say we have failed if we just examine our lives and yet David says that God had made an everlasting covenant with him and just to refresh you on that you might go and look at all of 2 Samuel 7 but listen to verses 12-13 of that chapter which say <sup>12</sup>**“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.**

David was a blessed man indeed knowing he had not earned God's favor but instead God had promised to bless him and his family with the blessing of being the family the Messiah would come from.

Verses 6-7 say <sup>6</sup>But the sons of rebellion shall all be as thorns thrust away,

Because they cannot be taken with hands.

<sup>7</sup>But the man who touches them

Must be armed with iron and the shaft of a spear,

And they shall be utterly burned with fire in *their* place.”

Simply said one day judgment will come for the sons of rebellion. One day Jesus the one who fulfilled the Davidic covenant we have just talked about will judge the dead. The world often rejects the authority of Jesus, they often overlook his love and mercy and forget that Jesus will also one day rightly divide the wicked from those that are found to be righteous in Him.

Now as we come to verse 8 all the way through the end of the chapter we have a list of those who are known as the mighty men of David. These were the elite fighting soldiers that were in his military and many of them accomplished some incredible feats as they went through life. We won't go through every one of these individuals but if you were to count them we have 37 men listed here.

In this account before us we'll see there were 5 individuals that stood out from the rest. Let's look at verse 8 which says <sup>8</sup>These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-Basshebeth the Tachmonite, chief among the captains. He was called Adino the Eznite, because he had killed eight hundred men at one time.

The first mentioned here was Josheb-Basshebeth and that's a large name to say so perhaps the people needed something shorter so they called him Adino the Eznite and notice that this man killed 800 in battle at one time. Not 800 over his career but all at once. Not sure

about you but if I am playing a game and I am picking someone to be on my team I think Adino might be the first one I want.

Look at verses 9-10 which say <sup>9</sup>And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel had retreated. <sup>10</sup>He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword. The Lord brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to plunder. Notice it says that this Eleazar was one of three mighty men and really this is letting us know that of the mighty men of David there were three that really stood out from them.

You might notice here that it says that Israel had retreated from the battle with the Philistines...but this man we are told arose and attacked. I like that, this was a man that was fearless. When everyone around him ran away this man rose up and fought. You can imagine the pride of the Philistines as they are chasing after the Israelites and then they see this one man that is standing his ground...and they probably thought this will be easy as they charged at him but we are told here that this man fought until his hand was so cramped that it became one with the sword that was in his hand and he saw a great victory that day and afterwards the Israelites returned and gathered the plunder.

When we think of a sword we should remember that the Word of God is like a sword that pierces to the depths of our heart and that God's Word is sharper than any two-edged sword we are told. May our lives be so intertwined with God's Word that it becomes one with us.

May we remember that the battles we fight are not with flesh and blood but that they are spiritual in nature...As we fight the spiritual battle we should do so with the Word of God as our weapon.

May we be an Eleazar for those around us as we seek to serve Jesus. May we be the ones that lead others to victory in Christ. When everyone else may fail or flee may we stand strong in Christ fighting that others might enter into the glorious riches of Jesus.

Look at verses 11-12 which say <sup>11</sup> **And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines had gathered together into a troop where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. So the people fled from the Philistines. <sup>12</sup> But he stationed himself in the middle of the field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the Lord brought about a great victory.**

Then we have Shammah and this man when the Philistines were gathered stood his ground and notice what it was he fought for. Was it a palace? Was it his home? No but instead we are told it was a field of lentils or beans.

We might ask why take your stand in a field? I think this man knew that God had allowed the people of Israel to have a specific place in the world and he was going to defend it from the enemy.

I believe this man knew what his duty was and he did so with all his heart. If only every Christian would defend that which God has entrusted to them as this man did. Today I think we forget that we are in a spiritual battle for the souls of this world...So often I think we cede territory to the enemy and we forget that wars are often fought and won one piece at a time. Even today I believe the enemy has been



working to overtake just small areas of our lives and country one piece at a time and as he does so suddenly the flood gates open and that nation or that place is taken over by the enemy. Perhaps our own nation is in this place and I do think you and I as believers must defend our ground and look to overtake the ground of the enemy as we can.

Look at verses 13-17 which say <sup>13</sup>Then three of the thirty chief men went down at harvest time and came to David at the cave of Adullam. And the troop of Philistines encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. <sup>14</sup>David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. <sup>15</sup>And David said with longing, “Oh, that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!” <sup>16</sup>So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the Lord. <sup>17</sup>And he said, “Far be it from me, O Lord, that I should do this! Is *this not* the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?” Therefore he would not drink it.

These things were done by the three mighty men.

Here we have another valiant effort by the three mighty men. As they were in battle and David was with them and as the battle went on David made a comment and probably he was remembering the fresh water that he used to have access to while he was in Bethlehem and he spoke of it saying he longed to have just a drink from that well...I'm sure David just said this in passing and that he wasn't serious about it.



But when the mighty men heard this they broke through the lines of the enemy ran to the well and brought back a drink for their master...and David when he received this he poured it out as a drink offering to the Lord knowing that he had put the men in jeopardy when they went to do this.

Look at verses 18-19 which say <sup>18</sup> **Now Abishai the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of *another* three. He lifted his spear against three hundred *men*, killed *them*, and won a name among *these* three.** <sup>19</sup> **Was he not the most honored of three? Therefore he became their captain. However, he did not attain to the *first* three.**

Here we have mention of another three who were not as well known as the three we just looked at but accomplished incredible things none the less. Abishai who we have seen several times in David's journey had killed 300 men with his spear and for this feat became well known.

Verses 20-23 which say <sup>20</sup> **Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.** <sup>21</sup> **And he killed an Egyptian, a spectacular man. The Egyptian *had* a spear in his hand; so he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.** <sup>22</sup> **These *things* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three mighty men.** <sup>23</sup> **He was more honored than the thirty, but he did not attain to the *first* three. And David appointed him over his guard.**

Then we have Benaiah and this man killed two lion like heroes of Moab and these men were probably built like a lion just incredibly strong and it may be they were hairy men with huge beards and big full heads of hair.

He also killed a spectacular Egyptian we are told and that man must have been something to be labeled as spectacular but he tore the spear out of that man's hand and killed him.

He also killed a lion we are told in a pit on a snowy day. A great accomplishment indeed.

So there we have 5 of the 37 men that are mentioned here in this chapter and for the sake of time here we are actually not going to read the rest of the names of these men as they are listed in verses 24-39 though I would mention just a few of them quickly here. In verse 34 we have Eliam the son of Ahithophel and this was Bathsheba's father...and if you remember Ahithophel was the one that had rebelled with Absalom when he came against his father. Probably a deep hatred of David in the heart of Ahithophel for what had happened with his granddaughters husband Uriah.

And then in verse 39 you might just notice that Uriah is mentioned as one of the mighty men. Tragic that David had him killed and yet here he is mentioned as one of those David trusted.

We might ask how did these men become mighty? I believe that the beginning of their becoming great goes back to what we see take place in 1 Samuel 22:2 which says **2And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him. So he became captain over**

**them. And there were about four hundred men with him.** Here we have over 400 men that came and these men were rough, they had debts, they were in distress, they had no leader and then they came to David and he helped them.

I believe these men spent time with David and learned from his leadership and abilities and became just as much a warrior as David was. Certainly you and I as we spend time with our captain Jesus should become valiant warriors for His kingdom. We should be willing to enter the spiritual battle that wages around us and as Ephesians 6 instructs us we should daily put on our armor in preparation for the battle ahead.

Now let's move on here to chapter 24 if you look at verse 1 which says **Again the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, "Go, number Israel and Judah."** We are told here that God was angry with the children of Israel and that God moved David against them by having David say that the people of Israel and Judah should be numbered.

I want to just share an additional detail about this scenario with you from 1 Chronicles 21:1 which says the following **Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.** Both of these verses are speaking of the same situation that David came into...and some look at this and they say that there is a discrepancy here for one account says the Lord did this and the other says Satan came against Israel.

I think we can find an easy solution to this if you just read the book of Job and you begin to understand that God always has all the authority,

that Satan must seek permission to do things and that God often allows tragedy and difficulty to teach His people all kinds of lessons.

So I think that God was upset with the Israelites for what reason we aren't sure...maybe it was idolatry or some kind of sin that was throughout the land or perhaps it could have been what one commentator suggested when he said it was for their abandonment of David the one that God had chosen as King. But anyways the Lord allowed the enemy to come and tempt David to do this.

We might say well what's the big deal with numbering the people and why was that so wrong. I believe David in doing this was beginning to rely on his own strength and wisdom. God had always taken care of him, had always fought the battles for him, had always given him the victory and the support of the people and now it's like David is saying I need to have the security of knowing how many people are for me. When you count the men you are starting to think about you rather than trusting the Lord.

Look at verses 2-4 which say <sup>2</sup>So the king said to Joab the commander of the army who was with him, "Now go throughout all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and count the people, that I may know the number of the people."

<sup>3</sup>And Joab said to the king, "Now may the Lord your God add to the people a hundred times more than there are, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king desire this thing?" <sup>4</sup>Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab and against the captains of the army. Therefore Joab and the captains of the army went out from the presence of the king to count the people of Israel.

Joab sure was an interesting character...not afraid to speak his mind and not afraid to disagree with David in this situation as he really let's the king know that this is the wrong thing to do and we can see that David was set in his decision and did so against not only Joab but also the captains of the army.

Now over in 1 Corinthians 10:13 we have the following which says **13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.** I believe David was tempted by the enemy as the Lord was coming against his people and David here as Joab was confronting him had the chance to go a different way. Sadly we are told David pushed forward and as the authority in the kingdom everyone else fell in line.

The reality is that every temptation that comes along always has an escape...Every time we fail or fall into sin it is because we choose to do so. No one forces us to sin.

And then if you look at verses 5-9 we are given the route that Joab and the men took to gather the amount of fighting men that were with David if you look at that it says **5 And they crossed over the Jordan and camped in Aroer, on the right side of the town which is in the midst of the ravine of Gad, and toward Jazer. 6 Then they came to Gilead and to the land of Tahtim Hodshi; they came to Dan Jaan and around to Sidon; 7 and they came to the stronghold of Tyre and to all the cities of the Hivites and the Canaanites. Then they went out to South Judah as far as Beersheba. 8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine**

**months and twenty days. <sup>9</sup>Then Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to the king. And there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.**

David had given the command that they were to go from Dan which was known as the farthest point in the north of the kingdom of Israel all the way to Beersheba which was the southernmost point...and when the men went out and came back which took a full 9 months and 20 days they reported that David had 800,000 men from the tribes of Israel and an additional 500,000 men in Judah...So a total of 1.3 million fighting men. This also let's us know that David's primary interest in taking the census was to know how many soldiers were available for war...again the Lord would fight for them and this was really unnecessary.

Look with me at verse 10 which says <sup>10</sup>**And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O Lord, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly."**

I believe this reaction here from David is what makes him a person with a heart that is after God. David as the results came in was convicted by God within his conscience and rather than running away or stuffing the conviction that he had he chose to go to the Lord and pray about it.

I think this is a good example for you and I to learn from. When God convicts the best thing for us is to respond, to repent as David does here and to request the Lord to do a work in your heart.

So often we live in the darkness, we choose to ignore what the Spirit is doing and I have to simply say that the results in our lives when we ignore the Lord won't turn out well. It's far better to confess and face the consequences of our choices than to try and suppress them only to have the Lord bring them out later.

And so David here asks the Lord to forgive and work in his life. I do believe that you and I as new testament believers have the benefit of knowing that Jesus forgives the moment we come running to Him and we have His promise from the Word if you listen to what 1 John 1:9 says when it says **<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

So David confesses his failure, he turns from it and chooses to walk in the truth and then look at what happens in verses 11-14 which say

**<sup>11</sup> Now when David arose in the morning, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, <sup>12</sup> "Go and tell David, 'Thus says the Lord: "I offer you three *things*; choose one of them for yourself, that I may do *it* to you." ' "** <sup>13</sup> So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him, **"Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' plague in your land? Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me."**

**<sup>14</sup> And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies *are* great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man."**

In comes the prophet Gad the next morning and we did have mention of this prophet back in 1 Samuel 22 and it would seem that this



prophet was with David for a long time as this portion of scripture we are looking at today is thought to have taken place later in his life.

I have to just mention here that if I were David I think I would be quite aware that God is everywhere, that God sees and knows all things, that my life is like an open book to Him. This is not the first time a prophet was sent to speak directly into a situation for if you remember Nathan had been privy to knowing about another of David's sins.

David I believe had thoroughly learned what is spoken over in Proverbs 15:3 when the Word simply says **The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.** It's a humbling thing to know that God knows everything about you. I suppose we should have it firmly in our minds that we cannot escape His gaze. There is no action whether good, bad or indifferent that God does not know about.

And so Gad comes to David and he has three things for David to choose from as consequences for his actions. He could either have 7 years of famine, 3 months of running from his enemies, or 3 days of plague coming upon the land...and when David responds saying let me fall into the hands of the Lord and not into the hands of man David is essentially saying that 3 days of plague are what he was choosing. David knew the mercy of God was great and he would rather fall into his judgment than into the hands of sinful men. In other words David is trusting that God will be merciful as the plague came upon the people.

Look at verses 15-16 which say <sup>15</sup>**So the Lord sent a plague upon Israel from the morning till the appointed time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men of the people died.** <sup>16</sup>And when

**the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, “It is enough; now restrain your hand.” And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.**

We are told here that the plague did come and what exactly this entailed we just don't know as the Word is silent on it but we do see that 70,000 men were killed and notice that actually an angel was a part of this situation.

Angels are certainly powerful beings. I am reminded that one single angel was able to kill 185,000 Assyrians in just one night we are told over in 2 Kings 19:35.

I do think that God was merciful in this situation and some of us might say well look these people were innocent, they didn't do any wrong in the situation but I will just remind you that we all have sin in our lives and we all deserve judgment and damnation...and so these 70,000 men were not exactly innocent and I am quite sure when we are done and we enter into eternity that not one of us will bring a charge against God that He was unfair or unjust.

We do also see here that the angel came to a certain place and the Lord said that's enough and stopped him and it was at the threshing floor of Araunah. Now a threshing floor would have been a large flat area that was designated to have an oxen on a large wheel that went around and around and worked to separate the chaff from the wheat.

Let's look at verse 17 which says <sup>17</sup>**Then David spoke to the Lord when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and**

said, “Surely I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, be against me and against my father’s house.” David here takes responsibility for what has happened **and he essentially says to the Lord they haven’t done wrong but I have** **and he requests that the hand of God might be against him instead of them.**

**That does give us a good picture of what Jesus did for us. Except Jesus was completely innocent when He stood before the Father and chose to take** the punishment that we deserve for our sins. **How amazing is the love of Jesus in that while we were sinners, while we were enemies** of God that He took our place. **What amazing love we see in our Lord.**

**Look at verses 18-25 as we close out this book of the Bible. They say**

**<sup>18</sup> And Gad came that day to David and said to him, “Go up, erect an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.” <sup>19</sup> So David, according to the word of Gad, went up as the Lord commanded. <sup>20</sup> Now Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming toward him. So Araunah went out and bowed before the king with his face to the ground.**

**<sup>21</sup> Then Araunah said, “Why has my lord the king come to his servant?”**

**And David said, “To buy the threshing floor from you, to build an altar to the Lord, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people.”**

**<sup>22</sup> Now Araunah said to David, “Let my lord the king take and offer up whatever seems good to him. Look, *here are* oxen for burnt**

sacrifice, and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood. <sup>23</sup> All these, O king, Araunah has given to the king.”

And Araunah said to the king, “May the Lord your God accept you.”

<sup>24</sup> Then the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. <sup>25</sup> And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.

And so David as the Lord spoke to him through Gad then went and offered to buy the threshing floor of Araunah and when this man tried to give it to David we see David making the statement that He would not sacrifice to the Lord on that which cost him nothing.

David understood that in order for sin to be forgiven or covered over that a price had to be paid and so he really required this man to take payment for the land that would be used as a place of sacrifice.

There is something interesting about this location if you listen to what happened with Solomon the son of David who became king after him. Just quickly here we should just understand that this Araunah had a second name in the scriptures and it was the name Ornan the Jebusite...Same person just called different names in the account from 2 Samuel and the account we have in 2 Chronicles but Just listen to what we have in 2 Chronicles 3:1 which says this Now Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to his father David, at the

**place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.**

One day Solomon would build the temple on this very spot that David is seeking the blessing and the mercy of God...And surely you and I are ministered to by that same location for it was not that far from there that Jesus our Savior was crucified for our sins that we might experience life to its most abundant.

Today as we close out the incredible books of 1 and 2 Samuel I have to just encourage you that Jesus paid the price that you could be set free and if today is the day you know that you need to give your life and your heart to Him I just encourage you afterwards to come forward and speak with me and I would love to have the privilege of leading you to Christ.

Let's pray.

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