

2 Samuel 4: Redemption and Glory

2 Samuel 3 Review:

- God takes speaking lies about others seriously
- Those who **choose to follow the King** will be **harshly mistreated**, but a **friend of the King forever**. **Those who endure will hear...**

Matthew 25:23 ... **Well done**, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: **enter thou into the joy of thy lord**.

2 Samuel 4

1Now when Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, heard that Abner had died in Hebron, he **lost courage**, and **all Israel was disturbed**.

- Abner, Saul's right hand man **goes over to David**
- **Abner is killed by Joab**, David's right hand man
- David grieves for Abner and curses Joab
- **Ish-bosheth lost courage**: People will follow leaderships example; after King Herod heard Jesus was born...

Matthew 2:3 ...he was troubled, **and all Jerusalem with him**.

- When the King's troubled, everybody's troubled

2Saul's son had two men who were **commanders of bands**: the name of the one was **Baanah** and the name of the other **Rechab**, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the sons of Benjamin (for Beeroth is also considered part of Benjamin, 3 and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim and have been aliens there until this day).

- Ish-bosheth is the only remaining son and heir to the throne

4Now **Jonathan**, Saul's son, had a **son crippled in his feet** He was **five years old** when the report of Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled And it happened that in her hurry to flee, he fell and became lame And his name was **Mephibosheth**.

- **Mephibosheth**: Saul's 5 year old Grandson; **Jonathan's son**
- After hearing Saul and Jonathan died, his nurse ran and tripped

5So the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, departed and came to the house of Ish-bosheth in the heat of the day while he was **taking his midday rest**. 6They came to the middle of the house **as if to get wheat**, and they **struck him in the belly**; and Rechab and Baanah his brother **escaped**. 7Now when they came into the house, as he was lying on his bed in his bedroom, they struck him and killed him and **beheaded him**.

- **"...as if to get wheat...": Decievers** Decedents of the **Gibeonites** (Josh 9:17)
- Years before, Joshua was commanded by God to utterly destroy those who occupied Israel... **including the Gibeonites**
- Coming out of the Egypt [world], free from pharaoh's dominion [Satan], and now dealing with the enemy...**putting it to death**
- The **Gibeonites deceived** Joshua saying they were from a distant land. He made peace with them without consulting God.
- Ishboshesh reaps the consequences of not dealing with a problem
- **Sin not dealt with now privately will re-emerge later...publicly**

Numbers 32:23 ...behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure **your sin will find you out**.

- God has a way of **bringing our sin to light**
- To avoid embarrassment and disgrace we are to walk in the light

Ephesians 5:8 ...for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; **walk as children of Light**

- These **decedents of deceivers** walked in darkness
- We do not have to be controlled by the sins of our fathers
- Jesus can break the cycle. "If you are willing"... "I am willing"

And they **took his head** and traveled by way of the Arabah all night. 8Then they brought the **head of Ish-bosheth to David** at Hebron and said to the king, "Behold, the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life; **thus the LORD has given** my lord the king vengeance this day on Saul and his descendants."

- **Reminiscent the Amalekite** who tried to impress David saying he killed Saul

2 Samuel 1:13 David said to the young man who told him, "Where are you from?" And he answered, "I am the son of an alien, an **Amalekite**." 14Then David said to him, "How is it you were not afraid to stretch out your hand to destroy the LORD'S anointed?" 15And David called one of the young men and said, "**Go, cut him down.**" So he struck him and he died.

- **Amalekite:** Another picture of sin not dealt with...till now

9David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, "**As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from all distress,** 10 when one told me, saying, 'Behold, Saul is dead,' and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and killed him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for his news. 11"How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed, shall I not now require his blood from your hand and destroy you from the earth?"

- The LORD has **redeemed** me...not you. Why was David so angry?
- These deceivers wanted David to take his eyes off the LORD and take credit for David's success.
- David would not stand for it
- David knew **it was the LORD who redeemed [delivered]him**

Redeem: gr. *Apolutrosis*. The purchase back of **something that had been lost, by the payment of a ransom. In this case the Blood of Jesus**

Acts 20:28 Watch out for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he **obtained with the blood of his own Son.**

Ephesians 1:17 In Him we have **redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

Colossians 1:13 He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of the Son he loves, **in whom we have redemption**, the forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 9:12 and he entered once for all into the most holy place not by the blood of goats and calves but **by his own blood**, and so he himself secured 1 eternal redemption.

Titus 2:14 who gave Himself for us to **redeem us from every lawless deed**, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, **and purchased for God with Your blood** men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

- David knew his need for a Redeemer, a deliverer from sin

Psalm 51 (Read) 1Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. 2Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin. 3For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. 4Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge. 5Behold, I **was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.** 6Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. 7Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. 9Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities. 10Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. 12Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.

Psalm 31:7 I will rejoice and be glad in Your lovingkindness, Because **You have seen my affliction; You have known the troubles of my soul,**

- It is God who is moving David toward kingship
- It is God who saw our need and acted, not our vain attempts to better ourselves. We are to give God the Glory
- **God does not share His Glory** with man
- It is God who made this country great, but...

Psalm 9:17 The wicked will return to Sheol [the grave], Even all the nations who forget God.

- It is God who changes lives and holds all thing together

Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

- Philosophies rise up against Truth, trying to steal glory from God as did the two deceivers trying to make a name for themselves

2 Corinthians 10:5 We are **destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against** the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through **hollow and deceptive philosophy**, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

Romans 1:21 (Read) For **even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks**, but they became **futile in their speculations**, and their **foolish heart was darkened**. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For **they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature** rather than the Creator,

- **Futile in speculations:** Instead of honoring the obvious they speculated, leading to theories (**evolution, environmentalism, the origin of the universe**) morphing into religions

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the **simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ**.

- **Worshiping the creature...self...look at me**
- David would **not give the Glory to men**

12 Then David commanded the young men, and they killed them and cut off their hands and feet and hung them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

- **God's judgment on pride:** Hands that shed innocent blood and feet that brought the news to David

Psalm 19 of David (Read) 1 The heavens are telling of the **glory of God**; And their **expanse is declaring** the work of His hands... 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, **my rock and my Redeemer**.

- David knew it was God that was transforming his life
- He would give God alone the Glory as do we as God changes us

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a

mirror the **glory of the Lord**, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**