

## Sermon Notes: 2 Samuel 24

“The end of David’s story is not tidy but it is fitting. It ends at an altar because at the altar sin and grace meet. Judgment is real, but mercy has the final say.” Eugene Peterson

“Honest readers of the Bible spend much of their time scratching their heads. And those who teach others to read the Bible do well not to be too ready to cook up explanations that eliminate the difficulties.” Eugene Peterson

“We are far more tempted to self-reliance than we are to open rebellion. But both are ways of saying, ‘I don’t need God.’” Kevin Deyoung

“There is always a social dimension to sin. Even our most private acts shape the people we become, and the people we become always affect others.” Tim Keller

God never tempts someone to do evil but God is sovereign over evil so that even sin accomplishes His purposes.

“Your worst sins and your most painful temptations can become the things that God uses to shape you most deeply.” Tim Keller

The altar is a place of:

1. Repentance
2. Mercy
3. Worship

“The sign of spiritual maturity is not that we think we are good, but that we are more broken over how much of the sinful self remains.” John Piper

“The person who truly understands the holiness of God is the person who most marvels at the mercy of God. Judgment reveals our need; mercy meets us in it.” Martyn Lloyd Jones

Does God get the leftovers or the best of your time, your energy, and your money?