

II Samuel 23-24 –9 June 2022

“Qualities Of Intimacy”

Introduction

*II Samuel – depicted the entire reign of King David

*Chap 21-24 is an appendix to the life of David

*Not dated but these accounts are intended to give us added details from David’s life that are valuable for us to learn from....or they wouldn’t be here

*Added details are intended to carry the idea of legacy or big overarching truths

*Story: Going to funeral & I told my young kids, what grieving family needs most from us is simply our presence

*People that don’t want to watch a show unless you’re sitting there on the couch next to them

*God desires this type of intimacy from us

***Today, we’re going to see 3 qualities of intimacy from these final events of David’s life on earth**

1st quality of intimacy is Personal Humility (Chap 23:1-7)

Intro

1. We begin with the last words of King David
2. Notice the humility in this great man whom the Bible says more about than all people but Jesus

Read Chap 23:1

1. David recognizes that he's been elevated higher than he deserves
2. He knows he's been chosen for a great role
3. He's a worshipper of God at heart

Read Vs 2

1. There is yieldedness to the Holy Spirit
2. He seeks to give what the Lord wants given

Read Vs 3-4

1. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

2. The king that judges in light of his own coming judgement is like the sun on tender morning grass
 - a. Not scorching but giving the means to grow
 - b. Giving the help that he himself would need

Read Vs 5

1. “Is not my house so with God?” – David shows faith that God will keep His everlasting promise
 - a. To bring Messiah thru his lineage
2. What is David’s salvation?
 - a. It’s not what he has built or passed down
 - b. It’s what God’s doing in keeping His promises!

Read Vs 6-7

1. God wants to be close to useless men, but they give off pain & hatred so they’ll be taken to death
2. Read James 4:6
 - a. Will God resist us?
 - b. Or do we live humbly enough to recognize His good blessings in our life?

2nd quality of intimacy is Proactive Faith (Chap 23:8-39)

Read Chap 23:8

1. These are the deeds of David's Mighty Men
2. *Adino* slew 800 at once time

Read Vs 9-10

1. *Eleazar* had courage & faith when no one else did
2. We need people with active faith that are willing to get the ball rolling when no one else will

Read Vs 11-12

1. *Shammah* is a defender of the land
2. We need friends that refuse to fall back
3. Refusing to retreat IS being proactive

Read Vs 13-17

1. David longed for a taste of home (Bethlehem)

2. David was so thankful for these men that he valued the water high enough to offer it to God
3. A proactive faith is willing to do simply for love of the king

Read Vs 18-19

1. **Abishai** was honorable & godly, 2nd in rank to Adino, Eleazar & Shammah
2. Let's keep our faith in a pure & undefiled way

Read Vs 20-23

1. **Benaiah** led the small special forces unit
2. He was willing to defeat the notable enemies
3. Need people who don't have bias in judgement

Don't Read Vs 24-39

1. 31 more mighty men who are forever recorded in the eternal Word including Uriah the Hittite
2. Men of faith & courage w/ a challenge to grow
3. Read Heb 11:6 – Are we diligently seeking God & His mission for our lives?

3rd quality of intimacy is Perpetual Repentance (Chap 24:1-25)

Intro

1. What do we always hear about a relationship that's growing cold? "You've changed"
2. In relationship w/ God, it's us that has to continually keep ourselves in the right place
3. This chap is about a census that David takes
 - a. Shows there's always a tendency to fall back into the habit to doing things our way

Read Chap 24:1-2

1. "Why would God allow something bad"?
 - a. There're always many more moving parts behind the scenes that we can't see (OT Joseph)
 - b. I Chr 21:1 – Says it was Satan that provoked David to do this
2. Seems likely that God was angry w/ Israel at this time for the rebellion of Sheba & Israel following him

3. He didn't need to number to feed or house the people correctly, he just wanted to know the #
 - a. This is pride & trusting in self-strength, rather than humbly trusting in God's power

Read Vs 3

1. Joab tries talking David out of this sin

Read Vs 4-9

1. Joab travels all around & census doesn't even get finished before the plague falls on Israel
2. I Chr 21:6 says that Benjamin & Levi to #ed

Read Vs 10

1. David turns & repents
2. Would you notice ownership in this verse (I've)

Read Vs 11-14

1. David didn't choose based on himself being protected, nor chose based on short time challenge

2. David chose based on which would put them in God's hands and not man's hands

- a. Famine – they'd be at the mercy of foreign nations for food & the poor would die
- b. Enemies – be at mercy of foreigners & soldiers would die
- c. Plague – be at mercy of God & any could die

Read Vs 15-16

- 1. Validation that God is merciful to withhold when He chooses

Read Vs 17

- 1. David asks for more mercy in sparing the sheep, but God has a special plan

Read Vs 18-21

- 1. I Chr 21:18 makes it clear that God Himself chose this future temple mount for the place of this sacrifice
- 2. What mercy that God turns this sin into acquiring the Temple Mount

Read Vs 22-24

1. I will not offer the Lord what costs me nothing
2. True worship comes at a price, a cost

Read Vs 25

1. What mercy to have the ability to come back into peace after this great sin
2. Repentance brings restoration into God's grace
3. Read Matthew 3:8 – Repentance isn't a one-time act, it's a lifestyle of ripening fruit

Conclusion

How's your peace or anxiety toward God? Are you at rest? As we develop these qualities of intimacy, we'll see the peace of God that passes all understanding guarding our hearts & minds

1. Do you have Personal Humility?

- a. The way up is the way down
- b. God gives grace to the humble

2. Do you have a Proactive Faith?

- a. David's Mighty Men knew their job
- b. Seek after God's plan for your life & do it

3. Are you living in Perpetual Repentance?

- a. The true of it is being seen thru the fruit of your life even now
- b. Jesus gives us the chance even now today to come to Him in open surrender & receive grace