

II Samuel 13-15 –12 May 2022

“Absalom Part 1 of 2: Sins Of Omission”

Introduction

- *In II Samuel, David has taken the throne of all Israel
- *Chap 5-10 we saw the zenith of Davidic Kingdom
- *Chap 11-12 we saw David’s great sin and cover-up
- *David never suffered a defeat to the enemies outside, but he suffered huge defeats to enemies w/i his own heart – lust, passion, hiding of sin
- *God saw this as despising Him – for which God promised that the sword wouldn’t depart his house & he would have sexual crimes committed against him
- *Next 6 chapters present story of David’s son Absalom
- *Notice David’s sons all have similar lusts to him
- *Here in 1st half of Absalom’s story, we’ll deal with David’s sins of omission related to his sons
- *Let’s see 3 problems w/ sins of omission**

1st problem w/ sins of omission is that they omit rightness w/ God & sacrifice (Chap 13)

Read Chap 13:1-4

1. Amnon's cousin Jonadab: man of unholy means
2. Amnon has inordinate affection for his half-sister that needs put to death (Read Col 3:5 & 2)
3. David had these same passions as Amnon
 - a. Yes, the sons aren't held in chains to the sins of the Father
 - b. But the sons are susceptible to fall for the sins that you never role-modeled how to beat

Read Vs 5-11

1. Amnon hatches the plan to ask his sister for sex, how will she respond?
 - a. Potipher's wife w/ Joe, Shechem w/ Dinah

Read Vs 12-13

1. She quotes the Word of God for the direction of her life
2. She probably says, "Speak to the king" as a ploy to get out of there

Read Vs 14-18

1. His union with her was heinous sin, but throwing her out as trash was even worse
2. He didn't love her, he lusted for himself

Read Vs 19-22

1. David & Absalom are both furious
 - a. One reacts w/ sin of omission (David)
 - b. One reacts w/ sin of commission (Absalom)
2. Lev 18:29 demands Amnon to be cut off from his people
 - a. David, in authority, doesn't do this

Read Vs 23-29

1. Absalom plans and kills Amnon...after 2 years.
 - a. Never dealt w/ this hatred by going to God

Read Vs 30-36

1. Mistaken word comes to David that all his sons are dead by Absalom
 - a. Jonadab clarifies for David as sons return

2. B/c David didn't deal with Amnon's sin, now he has another son he'll need to deal with
3. If we waited until we're perfect on a subject before teaching our kids, WE NEVER WOULD

Read Vs 37-39

1. Talmai is Absalom's maternal grandfather lived in Geshur
2. No indication David dealt with Absalom's sin

2nd problem w/ sins of omission is that they omit reconciliation & peace (Chap 14)

Intro

1. Here Joab will initiate reconciliation between David & his son, that David should be initiating

Read Chap 14:1-7

1. Joab puts this woman up to telling this "life-like" parable to David
2. Notice in this parable, it's a plea for mercy and grace not on behalf of justice

Read Vs 8-17

1. The woman says, “If this is what’s right, why haven’t you brought Absalom back home yet?”
2. Vs 13 – Absalom is growing bitter toward David & God all the while David doesn’t work to gain reconciliation (Gospel in verse 14)
3. David was willing to pardon the fake man of this story, but not willing to pardon Absalom

Read Vs 18-24

1. David discovers that Joab planned this to get David to reconcile w/ Absalom
2. David goes half-way with reconciliation
 - a. Contrast w/ parable of Prodigal Son

Read Vs 25-28

1. 2 yrs stewing, 3 yrs running, 2 yrs partially reconciled – unrest David should have helped with

Read Vs 29-33

1. Absalom takes sinful measures to get Joab’s attention to bring him before his father the king
2. Public reconciliation, but still broken relationship

3rd problem w/ sins of omission is that they make your enemies ravaging & out-of-control (Chap 15)

Read Chap 15:1-6

1. Absalom begins stealing the people away
 - a. As a type of Satan, Absalom wants you to think that ‘the king doesn’t care about you’
2. Notice he doesn’t do anything that can be pinned on him later as sinful

Read Vs 7-10

1. Absalom uses the veil of spirituality to mask his intention to rebel in treason
2. David’s last words he’ll ever say to Absalom is “Go in peace”
3. *“Divisive people almost never see themselves as divisive. They see themselves as crusaders for God’s righteous cause and often believe or hope God’s hand is upon them”* –David Guzik
4. Work to pursue peace & reconciliation early so enemies don’t rise up in the first place

Read Vs 11-12

1. Absalom strengthens his position b4 declaring
 - a. By going to Hebron
 - b. By taking some of David's trusted men

Read Vs 13-18

1. David has let the enemy get too strong & therefore flees from him (Psm 3, 39, 41, 55, 62, 63)
2. Exercise 'peace thru strength & initiative'

Read Vs 19-23

1. David's proselyte Ittai dedicates to stay w/ David regardless, as they flee from Absalom
2. This's rewarded by becoming general (chap 18)

Read Vs 24-29

1. David wouldn't allow the Ark to be moved from the people of God, even at his own loss

Read Vs 30

1. Picture of Jesus mourning in the Garden of G.

Read Vs 31-37

1. Now David places loyal spies in Jerusalem to report on Absalom to him from time to time

Conclusion

There is no “good news” in how David handled Amnon or Absalom, he blew it. We need to learn here, what not to do.

1. When someone or something under our authority or influence is spreading sin
 - a. **Don't omit rightness w/ God & sacrifice**
 - b. Read I Sam 2:29 – idolatry to honor anyone above God including your family
2. When we're alienated from someone b/c of their sin
 - a. **Don't omit reconciliation & peace**
 - b. Like Chap 14:14, God has devised means by which we should be reconciled, now we offer it to others
3. When you want to ignore sin w/i your domain
 - a. **Don't allow enemies to grow out of control**
 - b. In end days (Luk 21) men's hearts will fail them for fear & they'll in perplexity so they'll call for rocks to fall on them to hide from wrath