

YOU'RE THE MAN

Hello I'm Jim Fuller. I like to share a few thoughts and some scriptures with you.

Do you remember the story of David and Bathsheba in 2nd Samuel chapters 11 and 12?

I'll quickly summarize it. When the armies of Israel went out to battle, David stayed behind in the palace. As he was walking on the rooftop, he saw a beautiful woman bathing. He had her brought to his house and slept with her and she became pregnant.

Her husband was Uriah the Hittite, one of David's army officers. David brought him back from the battle hoping that he would sleep with his wife and cover David's sin. Uriah did not sleep with his wife out of loyalty to his troops in the field. So, David had him sent to the front of the army, and had his own troops fall back so that Uriah would be killed.

God was not at all pleased with what David had done. He sent Nathan the prophet to confront David.

Nathan told David a fictitious story about a man with many sheep who took the one sheep of another man and killed it to offer his guests some dinner. David was livid and said that man should make serious restitution and be killed. Nathan then said, you are the man.

It seems odd that David, who was called, a man after God's own heart, would willingly do something that he knew was wrong and contrary to God's word.

But please notice that when Nathaniel spoke God's word to David, he didn't say, I can't believe you slept with that woman and killed her husband to cover it up. He said why have you despised the word of the Lord?

David's victory over Goliath, his exaltation to be king, and every possession and authority that he had was because of God's covenant with him. Everything about David's life was because of God's doing. God was upset that he chose to do his own will and ignore the Covenant.

The word despise, doesn't mean, an open hatred for God. David loved God very much.

Here is one of Webster's definitions of the word despise: to regard something as negligible, worthless, or distasteful.

David decided at that moment, that God's covenant wasn't that big of a deal and proceeded to do what his own senses were compelling him to do.

The Apostle Paul, in Romans 6.16, explains the principle, that whoever you submit yourself to that's who servant you really are.

And Jesus stated in Matthew 6.24 that, no man can serve two masters. He will either love the one and hate the other. Or he will serve the one and despise the other.

After reading this story of David and Bathsheba it would be very easy for us to call him an idiot for doing something so stupid. Let's look for a minute at our own experience today.

Because of God's incredible work on our behalf, here are just a few of the realities that are ours now.

God has allowed us to be born into his own family. John 1 12

Because we are in Christ, we are New Creations. Old things about us have passed away, and all things are new for us.

2 Corinthians 5:17

He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1 3

His power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness and He has given us his divine and precious promises that by them we would become partakers of the divine nature. 2 Peter 1.1-4

And if that wasn't enough, he has committed to us things that our eyes have never seen, our ears have never heard, and our hearts have never even comprehended, those things which God has prepared for those who love him. 1 Corinthians 2:9

God has made all of this available to every Christian on this planet. Yet, we still wake up every day and put on our old nature inherited from Adam and Eve and try to do the best we can to serve God with the old nature that God has paid to set us free from. When we consider everything that God has committed to us, David doesn't seem that stupid.

The scripture says, now these things happen to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 1 Corinthians 10:11

Here are the last 2 scriptures in conclusion.

Hebrews 12.1 + 2

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and Perfecter of our faith.

Romans 8.1-3 amp

Therefore, there is now no condemnation, no adjudging guilty of wrong, for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law on the spirit of life, which is in Christ Jesus, the law of our new being, has freed me from the law of sin and death. For God has done with the law could not do, its power being weakened by the flesh, the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit. Sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, God condemned sin in the flesh, He's subdued it, overcame it, deprived it of its power, over all who accept that sacrifice.

Let's learn from David's mistake, and not despise the perfect Covenant sacrifice that Christ made for us.

God bless you.

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