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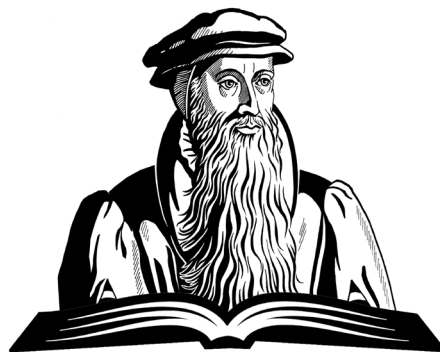
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Old Testament

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Seven Sons of Saul Killed

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Lesson 62

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The Second Book of Samuel, chapters 21 thru 24

Memory Verse

“As for God, His way is perfect, the Word of the Lord is tried, He is a buckler to all that trust in Him.”

2 Samuel 22:31

Historical Summary

The nation of Israel was a theocratic nation. When Israel turned from God, their sin caused separation from God’s help and favor. They needed to repent of their sin, and sacrifices needed



to be offered in order for God to bless them again. God sent famine to Israel because of their sin. David prayed for help, and God told him it was because King Saul had betrayed the Gibeonites. Years ago, Israel had sworn not to harm them. To bring justice, seven of Saul’s sons and grandsons were given to the Gibeonites, and they hung them. But David spared Mephibosheth, Jonathan’s son because of his promise. Then the famine ended. However,

wars continued. The Lord was always with David, even when he was growing older and weaker in battle, God sent help for him.

David had many troubles in his life, but the Lord delivered him out of them all. In his youth, he faced a lion and a bear. He also faced the giant Goliath, the angry King Saul, his rebellious son, Absalom, and many more. David had many obstacles as king over Israel. But none could harm David because the Lord was his helper. And David sang a song of victory over all his enemies. It was a song of honor to the Lord, and a song of praise for his many deliverances.

David understood that those who rule over men must rule in the fear of God. God gave David the ability to rule in this way. And he was able to organize a mighty army led by mighty men. These men protected David and defeated his enemies. So the people of the neighboring nations knew there was a man of God on the throne in Israel.

The kingdom of Israel grew mightily under David’s command. His armies grew, his wealth increased, and everyone recognized David’s leadership abilities. Then David was moved to num-

ber the people, which was forbidden by God's word. David commanded Joab to go out and record the number of the people of Israel. Joab detected David's pride and warned him not to do it. But David insisted, and the census was taken. The army numbered 1,300,000 valiant men!

But God came to punish David for his pride. And the punishment received was exactly suited to David's sin. God gave him three choices: seven years of famine, three months of enemies pursuing him; or three days of pestilence. David left it in the hands of God. There was a terrible plague, and 70,000 people died in three days. The angel of the Lord stopped at the threshing floor of Araunah in Jerusalem. David prayed and the Lord told him to build an altar there and offer a sacrifice. So David bought the threshing floor, and sacrificed there, and the plague was stopped.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

David had to fight many battles in his life. Each time enemies came against him and tried to defeat Israel and take the people captive. But when David looked to the Lord for help and strength, then the Lord delivered him out of all his troubles. How can the Lord deliver one who also had done much wickedness? Only for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace taught David to repent, to confess, and to plead for mercy. In the book of Psalms, you will find many examples of David in trouble, crying to God for help and mercy, and then singing a song of praise to God. This is a picture of the life of grace for all true believers for all of time.

Questions

1. Why was there a famine in the land?
 - a. Because there was a famine in the land.
 - b. Because Saul betrayed the Gibeonites
 - c. Because the crops were burned by the Philistines
 - d. Because the crops were destroyed by a flood.

2. Pick a verse from 2 Samuel 23 that shows that David lived a life of dependence on God. Three are already listed here. Please add a fourth verse.
 - a. Verse 7 – In my distress I called on God.
 - b. Verse 2 – The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress.
 - c. Verse 37 – Thou hast enlarged my steps under me.
 - d. _____

3. What did David long for that showed the love he had in his own heart?
 - a. A drink of water from the wells of Bethlehem.
 - b. The spear of Goliath to fight with.
 - c. The vineyard of Naboth for his own possession.
 - d. The spoils of war from the Philistines.

4. Which of the following options did David choose for his punishment?
- a. Seven years of famine.
 - b. Three months of losing a battle.
 - c. Three days of pestilence
 - d. None. He wanted God to choose.

Discussions

1. Give an example that shows that David always retained respect to the house of Saul even though Saul was already dead.

2. “As for God,” David said, “His way is perfect.” What is indicated in this part of David’s song?

3. What advantage does a nation have whose rulers rule in the fear of the Lord?

4. Why did David want to buy the threshing floor of Araunah rather than to receive it as a gift?

5. Show that the experiences that David had as king over Israel reflect the spiritual experiences of God’s people of all times.
