

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Was David obligated to show kindness to Jonathan's son?
2. What are some of the reasons why we are kind to one another?
3. Why is it harder to be kind to our enemies? Or is it?
4. As we examine our own lives what improvements should we have in our attitude toward others?
5. In what ways can performing the art of kindness fulfill a direction of the Lords? [\[SoF:15\]](#)

SUMMARY:

Although David won fame for all his battles, he still was humble enough to show kindness to Jonathan's family. Sometimes we have a difficult time being kind to those who are unloving and unworthy, but Christ is a perfect example for us to follow. God has shown us a tremendous amount of mercy. Surely His righteousness and peace will be upon us if we heed His Word.

We as Christians should live peaceful with all men, and not speak evil of anyone, but be friendly and considerate. Once we were foolish and careless. We were slaves to passion and envy and not caring for spiritual things, but when the love of Christ entered our life, all things became as new; He saved us through the Holy Spirit to give us a new birth. [\[SoF:8\]](#)

NOTES:

[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. [\[SoF:15\]](#) We believe that the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ is an invitation for everyone to live a life of abandonment to Him, Who loved us and gave Himself for us - surrendering His personal ambitions and possessions in an unreserved committal to take the proclamation of the Gospel throughout "all the world to every creature".

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

May 9, 2010

Second Quarter

THE ART OF KINDNESS

LESSON TEXT: *2 Samuel 9:1-13; Psalm 85:7-13*

LESSON SETTING: Jerusalem, in King David's palace.

TIME: Approximately 1040 B.C.

I. THE RECORD OF KINDNESS. 2 Samuel 9:1-6

- A. Desire of (vs. 1)
- B. Example of (vs. 7) Exodus 2:17; Proverbs 31:26; Luke 10:34; Acts 16:33, 28:2

II. THE REASON FOR KINDNESS. 2 Samuel 9:7-13

- A. Friendship (vs. 7) Proverbs 27:10, 17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10; John 15:13-14
- B. Fairness (vs. 10) Isaiah 26:7; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 4:1

III. THE RESOURCE OF KINDNESS. Psalm 85:7-13

- A. Mercy (vs. 7) Psalm 33:22; 52:8; Proverbs 14:31; Micah 6:8
- B. Love and Loyalty (vs. 10) Proverbs 10:12; John 13:35; Romans 12:9
- C. Righteousness and Peace (vs. 10) Psalm 85:10; Proverbs 13:6; Romans 1:17; 2 Corinthians 13:11

GOLDEN TEXT: *BE YE KIND ONE TO ANOTHER, TENDER-HEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER.* Ephesians 4:32

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 2 Samuel 12:1-14; Psalm 51:7-13

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 55:6, 13; Psalm 32:1-11;
1 John 2:1-2

QUARTERLY THEME: David the King

TOPIC: PENITENCE AND PARDON

INTRODUCTION:

No man can rise so high in life as to place himself beyond the reach of the Tempter. Even David, king and triumphant warrior fell into grievous sin. He sinned against a fellowman and his home. He sinned against the society that God had appointed him to govern according to divine law, and he sinned against God and His entire moral order. We wonder why a tragic story as this is included in the Bible. Doubtless to serve as a mirror and also as a warning to us all that we must inevitably reap exactly what we sow.

Personal purity requires decision; no one is pure by accident. The old nature tries to show itself again and again. Therefore we must turn daily to Christ for cleansing and guidance.

Personal purity requires separation. We must keep ourselves separated from the world (2 Corinthians 6:17). This separation is not a separation of body, though this is sometimes necessary. It is a separation of thought and conduct, which means separation of character.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Since all sin is primarily against God, only God can forgive the sinner. [\[SoF:4,6,7\]](#)

[\[SoF:4\]](#) We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins. [\[SoF:5\]](#) We believe in Christ's bodily resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God, and that He will make a personal return to earth in power and glory. [\[SoF:6\]](#) We believe that all are sinners and lost, awaiting the judgment of God, but God is not willing that any should be lost. [\[SoF:7\]](#) We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

GOLDEN TEXT: *CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD.*

Psalm 51:10

We cannot imagine what the result would have been for David if no parable had been spoken to him and if the prophet had not brought conviction of his sin. Even after the parable had been told, David seems to have had no idea that he was the parallel to the selfish rich man. So soundly does the conscience sleep after sin has been committed that we can truly be thankful the Holy Spirit is always ready to convict. Let us not suppose that we shall enter heaven if we forever cover our sins.

Forgiveness can come to anyone only by way of conviction and confession.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 10 – 16

- M. The Occasion for Penitence. 2 Samuel 11:14-25
- T. *The Need for Penitence. 2 Samuel 12:1-14
- W. The Blessings of Repentance. Psalm 32:1-11
- T. *The Nature of Repentance. Psalm 51:1-3
- F. The Demands of Repentance. John 21:15-20
- S. The Motivation of Repentance. Romans 2:1-11
- S. The Purpose of Repentance. 2 Peter 3:8-13