

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What restored David's broken fellowship with God, after his sin with Bathsheba?
2. Does it seem likely that David would have confessed if Nathan had not faced him?
3. Does sin even though it is confessed always bear a sad harvest?
4. What should the Christians' attitude be toward sin?

SUMMARY:

All forms of sin are horrible in the sight of a Holy God. Let each of us read and reread Psalm 32 and 51, and bring the secrets of our own hearts to light, as did the conscience-smitten David. That is the main theme of the lesson today.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #7

May 18, 2003

Second Quarter

PENITENCE AND PARDON

LESSON TEXT: *2 Samuel 12:1-14; Psalm 51:7-13*

LESSON SETTING: Israel had defeated the allied armies of the Ammonites and the Syrians.

TIME: Approximately 1037 B.C.

I. THE CONDEMNATION OF SIN. 2 Samuel 12:1-9

- A. Parable (vs. 1-4) Luke 10:29-37
- B. Sin Rebuked (vs. 7) 1 Samuel 13:13; Ezra 10:10-11; Luke 23:39-40
- C. God's Word Despised (vs. 9) Isaiah 5:24; Mark 7:13

II. THE CONVICTION OF SIN. 2 Samuel 12:10-14

- A. Exposure of Sin (vs. 12) Proverbs 26:26; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Luke 12:2
- B. Confession of Sin (vs. 13) Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:5

III. THE CONFESSION OF SIN. Psalm 51:1-6

- A. Pardon Sought (vs. 1, 2) Psalm 25:11; Daniel 9:18-19
- B. Repentance (vs. 3-6) Jonah 3:6-8; Acts 2:38

IV. THE CLEANSING OF SIN. Psalm 51:7-13

- A. Remission of Sin (vs. 2) Isaiah 43:25; Hebrews 8:12
- B. Joy Restored (vs. 8) Psalm 126:2; 1 Peter 1:8
- C. Spiritual Renewal (vs. 10) 2 Corinthians 4:16 Colossians 3:10; Titus 3:5

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

Psalm 51:10

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 2 Samuel 13:37 through 14:3;
2 Samuel 15:1-37; Psalm 3:1-8

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 2 Samuel 13:23-39; Psalm 5:6-9;
Proverbs 23:6-7

QUARTERLY THEME: David the King

TOPIC: THE REBELLIOUS ABSALOM

INTRODUCTION:

The life of Absalom illustrates how sin leads to greater sin. Previous to his evil, Absalom had killed Amnon in revenge of Amnon's mistreatment of his sister, Tamar. In fear of his own life because of this murder, Absalom fled to Geshur. David having much love for Absalom, desired to have him brought back. However, Absalom became even more sinful in conspiring against his father's kingdom.

Although there are many attempts by individuals to reform themselves and by the society to reform criminals, all man's efforts to change the desperately wicked heart are futile. Many become obviously worse. Only by the atonement of Christ can sin be blotted out and by submission to him can the heart be made clean.

SINNERS ARE REBELS AGAINST GOD, THE SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE. SIN ESSENTIALLY MANIFESTS ITSELF AS REBELLION AGAINST GOD.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Sinners are rebels against God, the Sovereign of the Universe.

GOLDEN TEXT: *THOU, O LORD, ART A SHIELD FOR ME.*

Psalm 3:3

In time of danger and attack from the wicked, David found his refuge in God because he knew that God was willing and able to help him. David found that "it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." (Psalm 118:8)

Although we do not often have reason to fear an enemy of the body, we must realize the presence of the enemy of our soul, the devil. The Lord Jesus demonstrated His power over this enemy very well by resisting every temptation and by rising from the dead. Our shield against the spiritual enemy is faith in our Lord, who alone had victory over all evil.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 19 - 25

- M. *The Beginning of Rebellion. 2 Samuel 13:37--14:3
- T. *The Development of Rebellion. 2 Samuel 15:1-37
- W. The Deceit of Rebellion. Psalm 5:1-12
- T. The Willfulness of Rebellion. Psalm 78:1-11
- F. The Pride of Rebellion. Isaiah 14:12-20
- S. The Results of Rebellion. Acts 7:35-43
- S. The Judgment of Rebellion. Romans 1:18-32