

David's Sin and Repentance

Introduction

1. **Repentance is a commandment of God, but at the same time a wonderful privilege extended by God.**
 - A. **What if, after committing sin, there was no chance to repent? All would be condemned, because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (*Romans 3:23*)**
 - B. **Repentance, then, is an expression of the longsuffering and mercy of God.**

Acts 11:18 When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

- C. **We all should maintain the right attitude toward repentance and not think it such a burdensome obligation, for without we would have no hope.**
2. **The Bible gives a number of illustrations of repentance, and one of the best is that of King David.**

3. The sin of David is revealed in 2 Samuel 11.

2 Samuel 11-12

- A. David commits adultery with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite (Vs. 2-5).**
- B. This leads to more sin (which usually happens).**
 - 1) David calls for Uriah and tries to send him home so that he would think that the child was his.**
 - 2) David tries to get Uriah drunk so that he would go home to his wife.**
 - 3) David sends Uriah back to the battlefield to be killed.**
 - 4) The Lord sends Nathan the prophet to convict David.**
 - a) David admits his sin *"I have sinned against the Lord."***

4. The sin of David is of the worse revealed in the Bible.

- A. Yet, the humbleness of David provides a good illustration of the attitude we should have toward our sin.**

David Didn't Try to Shift the Blame

1. **Bathsheba is just as much at fault as David.**
 - A. **She bathed in plain sight of surrounding buildings.**
 - 1) **All women should take a lesson from Bathsheba.**
 - a) **If you cause lust by your immodesty, you sin because of your immodesty.**
1 Timothy 2:8-10
 - b) **The one doing the lusting also sins.**

Matthew 5:28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

- B. **Bathsheba went to David.**
2 Samuel 11:4
 - 1) **There is no indication that she was forced to do this.**
 - C. **But as guilty as she was, David still took his part of the blame without shifting it on her.**
2. **There were others who were not so penitent of their sins.**
 - A. **Adam tried to shift the blame to Eve, and Eve shifted the blame to the serpent.**
Genesis 3:12-13
 - B. **Aaron who made the golden calf tried to shift the blame to the people.**
Exodus 32:21-24
 - C. **King Saul shifted the blame to the people.**
1 Samuel 15:13-15

3. **There are many who try to excuse their sin today.**
 - A. **They defend themselves, saying they have not sinned. They affirm, "I'm excused because of the situation."**
 - B. **They try to blame their sin on others. A common tactic, "You are the sinner, not me," "you are falsely accusing me," etc.**
 - 1) **The terrible danger here is, with that attitude, they will never repent.**
 - 2) **All need to remember that each will be judged for his own actions.**

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

3. **God has and will continue to punish those who will not repent.**
 - A. **David felt the consequences for his sin.
2 Samuel 12:10-14**
 - B. **Though Adam, Aaron, and Saul tried to shift the blame, they were still punished by God.**
 - C. **God will punish everyone who sins, who will not repent, no matter what the excuse.
Romans 2:4-6**

David Acknowledged the Reality of Sin

1. David knew he had sinned against God.

Psalms 51:3-4 For **I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.** Against You, **You only, have I sinned**, and done this evil in Your sight-- that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

- A. David had also sinned against his other wives, Bathsheba, Uriah, and his own body.**

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

- B. But all sin is ultimately against God; this is why it is wrong.**

- 1) David's sin was against God; he had transgressed His law. The law said, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," "Thou shalt not kill."**

2. Men today are reluctant to admit the reality of sin.

- A. This is clearly seen today in the so-called "gay-rights movement."**

- 1) There are many who try to affirm that pre-marital sex is alright.**

3. Anytime we violate God's law, we sin.

I John 3:4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

- A. We will be held accountable for our sin, though we believe or acknowledge it or not.
- B. Sin separates from God.

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

- C. Every sin will pay its wages, which if not repented of, is death
Romans 6:23

James 1:15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

David Had Godly Sorrow Which Leads to Repentance

1. David appealed to God's tender mercy.

Psalms 51:1-2 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, **blot out my transgressions**. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and **cleanse me from my sin**.

A. It is through such an appeal that forgiveness can be obtained.

B. God had promised mercy upon all who repent.

Psalms 86:5 For You, Lord, are good, **and ready to forgive**, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and **He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon**.

Micah 7:18-19 Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. **You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea**.

- 1) **It comes only to those who fear God.**
Luke 1:50
- 2) **We must confess our sins to God.**
1 John 1:9
- 3) **We must possess a contrite heart as did David if we want forgiveness.**
Psalm 51:17
Isaiah 66:2

2. David had genuine, godly sorrow.**A. Godly sorrow produces repentance, which brings life.**

2 Corinthians 7:10 For **godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation**, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

B. Man, short of repentance, is dead in trespasses and sins.**1) Peter told those Jews on Pentecost****Acts 2:38****2) To another similar group****Acts 3:19****3) To Simon the sorcerer****Acts 8:22****C. The heart that will not repent is an abomination to God.****1) On the other hand, God has always respected the penitent and contrite heart.**

David Brought Forth Fruits Worthy of Repentance

1. **David repented and went on to be one of the greatest in genuine, sincere service to God.**

Psalms 51:12-13 **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation**, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You.

2. **We need to have genuine godly, sorrow for our sins, and with sincere resolution to endeavor to the utmost of our power, to conform to the will of God.**
3. **It does not consist in one single act of sorrow, but in doing works showing we have repented, in sincere obedience to the law of Christ for the remainder of our lives.**

Acts 26:19-20 "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, "but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that **they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.**

David Was Forgiven

1. **God will readily receive and forgive those who come to him with a contrite heart.**

Psalms 32:5 I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

2. **Prodigal Son.**
Luke 15:20-24

- A. **The father represents God in this parable.**
- B. **God is always willing and ready to forgive.**

Psalms 86:5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

- C. **The world still remains today because God is giving man time to repent.**

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

3. **The problem is never with God, but with man - God is faithful and just to forgive.**
1 John 1:9
 - A. **Man has a tremendous problem in coming to repentance.**
 - 1) **Someone has said that of all the commands in the Bible, the hardest one to obey is repentance.**
4. **When we truly repent, times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.**

Conclusion

1. **If you are not a Christian, first, repent and obey God.
Acts 3:19**
2. **Thereafter, as with all Christians, we must try our best not to sin.**
 - A. **But when we fall, let us come in full dependence on the mercy of God.**
3. **When Nathan the prophet came to David and said, "Thou art the man," David admitted his sin and appealed to God for mercy.**
4. **When we sin, let us do the same. In the words of the Publican "God, be merciful to me a sinner!"
Luke 18:13**
 - A. **We know that when we humble ourselves before God, He is faithful and just of forgive our sin.
Proverbs 28:13**

