

# The Book Of 2 Samuel

## Wednesday Noon Bible Study

*Good Shepherd Baptist Church*

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### Lesson 55      **David Kept His Word** (2 Samuel 21:7)

- One must commend what David does here in **verse 7**. While David's predecessor, King Saul broke a covenant, David kept his covenant that he made with Jonathan in **1 Samuel 20:15-16**. David had pledged to Jonathan that he would forever preserve his seed.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Point      **David, "A Picture Of Christ"**

- David's sparing of Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, is a picture of what Jesus promises every saint.
- Abraham's son was spared in Genesis 22:12
- In both cases these two sons were saved from death by the intervention Of God
- **However, God the Father did not spare HIS ONLY SON!**  
(Romans 8:32; Isaiah 53:10)
- For we are HIS sons. Note **John 10:28-29**.
- This is the "*Doctrine Of The Eternal Security of The Believer*".
- Jonathan's security was not based on anything he did. He was a member of the family  
(John 1:12)
- **One is set free, the others are condemned to death.**
- **Those outside of the family will be condemned to hell** (John 3:18)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Point      **The Consequences Of Sin** (2 Samuel 21:8-9)

- In these verses we see that the seven sons and grandsons of Saul were publicly executed by the Gibeonites.
- Here's something else that shows the consequences of sin. If we read **1 Chronicles 9:35**, we discover a man by the name of Jehiel. Two things about this man Jehiel.
  - \* First, he is Saul's great-grandfather.
  - \* And secondly, guess who his descendants were? Yes, the Gibeonites.
  - \* So, Saul slaughtered his own relatives
  - \* Saul is guilty of the sin of breaking a covenant.
  - \* Saul is guilty of the sin murder. And those he murdered were some of his relatives.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Point      **The Curse Of God** (2 Samuel 21:9-10)

- These seven men bodies were hung; suspended from a tree.
- There they remained suspended until rain came.
- When we read **Deuteronomy 21:23**, we see that the Law stated that anyone who hung on a tree is under God's curse.
- The coming of the rain meant the curse was ended and the bodies could be taken down and buried.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Point    The Devotion of A Mother (2 Samuel 21:10)**

- This mother act of covering the bodies was done to protect the bodies from the carnivorous birds and the beast.
- Unlike the heathens, we are to show respect for the dead.
- Remember what **John 19:25** tells us.
- Throughout the Scriptures we see God's people:

*Mourning for loved ones who died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)*

*Burying loved ones who died*

*Memorialize the dead (1 Corinthians 11:26-29)*

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Point    David's Respect For The Dead 2 Samuel 21:11-14)**

- When David saw the devotion of this mother, Rizpah, in protecting the bodies of her sons, he had to be reminded of the shameful exposure of the bodies of Saul and Saul's son, Jonathan.
- Saul and Jonathan bodies were hung on the walls of Beth Shan.
- Israel's archenemy the Philistines had displayed these bodies on that wall ( 1 Samuel 31:8-10 )
- David resolved to bring their bones back from Jabesh Gilead and bury them in the sepulcher of Saul's father Kish.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Point    God Answers Prayer When (2 Samuel 21:14...and after that God was intreated for the land...**

- There is a word in this verse that saints can learned much from.
- It's the word **intreated**. This word means "heeded"
- **After David did this, God once again answered prayer on behalf of the nation.**

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