

The Book Of 2 Samuel

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

Good Shepherd Baptist Church

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Lesson 53 The Similarities Between The Old Days And Now

The more we study these events in 2 Samuel, the more we notice similarities between what people did back in Biblical times and what people do today.

1st Point The Lack Of Respect And Common Decency (2 Samuel 20:11-13)

- When I read these verses, words like heartless, thoughtless, and callous come to mind.
- Not only does Joab exact revenge on Amasa, but he shows no respect for common decency.
- Joab at once took command as though nothing had happened.
- Let's examine his actions;
 - He dragged Amasa's body into a field
 - He throws a garment over him, without bothering to bury him
 - Then Joab assumes command and marches on to deal with Sheba.

Here's a question I'd like to ask. "What are your thoughts about Joab's conduct in this whole matter?"

2nd Point A False Sense Of Security (2 Samuel 20:14-15)

- Here's a verse that saints need to read and consider; 2 Corinthians 1:9 says **But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead.**
- There may be times that we unknowingly place our faith in the wrong thing or the wrong person.
- Such is the case here with this man Sheba.
- So, let's get to what's happening.
- Joab and his army march to this city called *Abel Beth Maacah*.
- *When they get there, they find Sheba, who thinks that he is safe behind the thick walls of the city.*
- 1 Corinthians 10:12 says **Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall**

3rd Point The Wise Counsel Of Woman (2 Samuel 20:15-22)

- As we are reading **verse 15** of this chapter, **we see Joab and his men attempting to batter down the walls of this city.**
- Along comes this wise woman from the city.
- Before we getting into the wise counsel that she gives Joab, let's notice that this is the third time in our study of David that a woman gives some wise counsel that changes the course of events
 - * First, remember there was wisdom demonstrated by Abigail in 1 Samuel 25
 - Secondly, there's the wise counsel of the woman of Tekoa in 2 Samuel 14
- Now, let's get back to this woman here in our text we are studying.
- This wise woman calls to Joab from the wall and assures Joab that the city was not in league with any rebel and therefore did not deserve to be attacked.
- Joab explained that it was Sheba that they wanted
- The woman convinced the city to kill the rebel leader and save the city.
- Before we move on to the next point, it's important that we point out that Sheba wasn't a scapegoat.
- As a rebel against the king, he deserved to be slain.

4th Point

SIN WILL TURN AGAINST YOU

- We know what the Bible says in **Numbers 32:23**...**"Be sure your sin will find you" out**". The Bible tells in **Galatians 6:7** **Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**

Think about this; This man Sheba wanted to be head of the army, but, instead, his head was thrown over the wall to the army.

- We have other examples of this as well. In **Esther 7:10** we read where this man named Haman is hanged on the same gallows that he had built for Mordecai.
- Note a city is saved when sin is dealt with.
- **WHAT A LESSON FOR YOU AND I!**
- Oh, if only the Church would learn and follow this principle. We wanna see sinners saved, but sin must be severed.
- There will come a day when sin will be dealt with, eradicated forever.
- Let's always remember what **Revelation 21:8** says.

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