

LESSONS FROM DAVID

Int.

1. Aim: To gain some lessons that will be of help in living a Christian life from a study of this O.T. event.
2. Rom. 15:4 "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."
3. Pictures
 - a. We make pictures to give the best possible look
 - b. Best Angle / retouch bad spots = Hide the defects
4. Biographies color the facts of a man's life
5. The Bible pictures men as they are so we can learn from their experiences.
6. The Story -- 2 Samuel 11-12
 - a. Fighting - David in Jerusalem
 - b. Sin with Bathsheba
 - c. Uriah Killed
 - d. Nathan -- "Thou art the man" - 2 Sam. 12:7
7. Lessons we can learn from this story:

Discussion

I. THE NEED FOR LOVE AND RESPECT OF OTHER PEOPLE

A. David

1. Pity = Compassion, sympathy, care for
2. If he had had love and respect then he would not:
 - a. Have committed adultery with Bathsheba
 - b. Killed Uriah

B. Application

1. If we have love, and respect for others we will not:
 - a. Steal from them
 - b. Lie to them
 - c. Commit adultery with them
 - d. Murder them
2. There is a special need in our life today for love and respect for others

C. Mt. 7:12 - Golden Rule "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

II. ANYONE CAN FALL INTO SIN BY A MOMENT OF RECKLESS FOLLY

A. David

1. Man is described as a man after God's own heart - Acts 13:22
2. Well acquainted with the Laws of God - Yet he fell

B. Application

1. Paul buffeted his body - I Cor. 9:27 "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."
2. Take Heed -- 1 Cor. 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."
3. Heb. 3:12,13 "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."
4. Peter is an example of all of us -

III. ONE SIN LEADS TO ANOTHER

A. David

1. Looked = with continuous action
2. Sent for her = stole another man's wife
3. Committed adultery
4. Had Uriah Killed

B. Application

1. One sin leads to another - Sin does not come in singles
 - a. Lie -- one lie leads to another
 - b. Murder - leads to murder, lies to cover it
2. Falling away from the church is like this
 - a. Stop reading the Bible - Quit praying
 - b. Stop singing in assembly
 - c. Begin to miss a few services
 - d. Don't enjoy worship as much
 - e. After a while it doesn't bother to miss
3. Jas. 1:13-15 "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."
4. Sin is dangerous because it always leads us to commit another sin.
5. It is like a malignancy!! It grows - spreads.

IV. IT IS EASY FOR US TO SEE THE SINS OF OTHERS

A. David

1. Nathan related the story of the Ewe Lamb
2. He saw that the rich man had sinned
3. He realized that the rich man deserved death

B. Application

1. We can see the sins of others easily
2. We see their faults and short comings
3. Atheist, sectarian, and brethren

V. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO SEE OUR OWN SINS

A. David

1. Didn't realize he had sinned
2. Saw no connection in story of the Ewe Lamb until Nathan told him

B. Application

1. We can't see our sin
2. To us it appears to be all right
3. Pro. 14;12 "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."
4. Mt. 7:1-5

VI. WE SOMETIMES NEED SOMEONE WHO WILL POINT OUT OUR SINS TO US

A. David

1. Nathan showed him he had sinned
2. He did it with the story of the ewe lamb
3. Told him what he had done
4. He was plain and kind in telling him

B. Application

1. We need our brethren to point out our sins
2. Gal. 6:1 "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."
3. Gal. 4:16 "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?"
4. We should do it plainly and kindly
5. We should not get mad at those who try to point out our sins to us -- Gal. 4:16
6. Most of us have too much pride to admit we have sinned when it is pointed out to us..

VII. WILLINGNESS OF GOD TO FORGIVE

A. David

1. Terrible sins he had committed
2. 2 Sam. 12:13 "And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die."

B. Application

1. You can't sin enough to destroy God's love for you
2. God can forgive and will forgive us
3. 2 Pet. 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
4. Jn. 3:16
5. Tit. 2:12 "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;"

VIII. NECESSITY OF REPENTANCE AND CONFESSION

A. David

1. God stood ready to forgive
2. David said "I have sinned" 2 Sam. 12:13a
3. Prodigal son - Lk. 15:21 "I have sinned"

B. Application

1. God will forgive us if we will only repent
2. 1 Jn. 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
3. 1 Jn. 2:1-3 "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2. And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 3. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments."

4. Repent = a change of mind resulting in a change of action
5. We must repent of our sins

IX. WE SEE THE EMPTINESS OF ALL ELSE IF WE DON'T PLEASE GOD

A. David

1. He was the king
2. He was a great man
3. "But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord." 2 Sam.11:27b

B. Application

1. We may be great
2. We may be rich
3. It is all useless unless our soul is right with God
4. Mt. 16:26
5. Everything else in life is useless unless we are pleasing God, and if we are pleasing to God everything in life will become useful.

X. BY SOME SINS WE GIVE THE ENEMIES OF THE LORD CAUSE TO BLASPHEME

A. David

1. 2 Sam. 12:14 "Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die."
2. Therefore the child would die

B. Application

1. One brother can do wrong and sinners will point to that one
2. Preachers, Elders and Deacons have to be especially careful
3. Jas. 3:1 "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation."

CONCLUSION

1. The Bible is plain and covers up nothing that men did. Therefore we can learn from their mistakes and not make the same one.
2. From this story of David, Bathsheba and Uriah we can learn many lessons which will help us to live a better Christian life
3. Let us not make the same mistakes that David made
4. These are lessons that apply to us today just as much as they did to the people living at the same time this story took place.
5. Lessons:
 - (1) We need to have love and respect for other people
 - (2) Anyone can fall into sin by a moment of reckless folly
 - (3) One sin leads to another
 - (4) It is easy to see the sins of others
 - (5) It is difficult for us to see our own sins
 - (6) We sometimes need someone who will point out our sins to us
 - (7) The willingness of God to forgive
 - (8) Necessity of repentance and confession
 - (9) We see the emptiness of all else if we don't please God
 - (10) By some sins we give the enemies of the Lord cause to Blaspheme

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