

“The Story” Study – 2 Samuel

Class 7: Chapters 12-13

Chapter 12: The Trials of a King

1. DVD – Session 12
2. Chapter 12 Highlights: This chapter includes David’s temptation, fall into sin, and subsequent family problems.
 - a. A single wrong decision can lead us into horrible sin. Read the first paragraph on page 161; what was David’s wrong decision? _____
 - b. What is the big deal about Bathsheba being the wife of Uriah the Hittite? He is listed as one of David’s _____ men; you can read about them in 2 Samuel 23:8-39.
 - c. Whenever we sin God invites us to confess and receive His forgiveness.
 - i. What did David do after he sinned? _____
 - ii. Was David successful? Y N
 - iii. How did David go from bad to worse? _____
 - d. Why was Nathan very courageous in going to David? _____
 - e. Even though David received God’s forgiveness, he would endure many consequences of his sin during his earthly life.
 - f. What most famous *Psalm of confession* did David write? _____
 - g. Notice the basics of Psalm 32 (page 165): Being forgiven is wonderful: vvs. 1-2; failing to confess is terrible: vvs. 3-4; the blessings of confession and absolution: v. 5.
 - h. David had many sons (1 Chr. 3:1-9); his third-born, Absalom, tried to take David’s position as king; then, against David’s orders, he was finally put to death.
 - i. David wanted to build a house for the LORD, but that project fell to his son _____; that son eventually built the temple, but the LORD also promised to establish another son of David, a future Son, whose throne over Israel would be established forever!
 - j. Since David was not permitted to build the temple, he did gather a large quantity of expensive building materials.
 - k. What is David’s most famous Psalm? _____

Chapter 13: The King Who Had It All

1. DVD – Session 13
2. Chapter 13 Highlights: This chapter includes Solomon’s great wisdom and his building of the first temple.
 - a. Note the timeline at the bottom of page 175.
 - b. These are some of the final words David spoke to Solomon: ^{NAS} **1 Chronicles 28:9** “As for you, my son Solomon,
 - i. know the God of your father, and
 - ii. serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind;
 - iii. for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts.
 - iv. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him;
 - v. but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.”
 - c. Solomon’s wisdom:
 - i. Since Solomon asked for wisdom, the LORD also gave him great wealth and honor. Let us also ask rightly of our God!
 - ii. Solomon demonstrated his great wisdom when the two women were arguing about the one living child; how did he identify the mother of the living child?

 - iii. Let’s skim over the excerpts from the book of Proverbs on pages 179-183.
 - d. Solomon’s temple:
 - i. Take note that the footprint was only 90 feet by 30 feet, but it was so spectacular and elaborate that its “construction took seven years of work by 180,000 conscripted [*enlisted, recruited, drafted*] laborers and nearly 4,000 supervisors” (185).
 - ii. The LORD approved of the temple by filling it with His glory (186).
 - iii. Then Solomon prayed: “LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below – you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way” (186). Let us do the same!
 - iv. Then “fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices...” (187).
3. Assignment: Read chapters 14-15, we will meet on Thursday, April 28 at 7:30.