

We will now begin the fourteenth lecture on the Books of Samuel. /Today we will begin with 2 Samuel chapter 9. /The title is, "Those Left of the House of Saul." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, David seeks those still left of the house of Saul. /Verses 1-4. /Second, Mephibosheth goes before King David. /Verses 5-8. /Third, David gives Mephibosheth Saul's land and servants. /Verses 9-11. /Fourth, Mephibosheth always eats that the king's table. /Verses 12-13.

/Read verse 1. /David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

/When the nation found stability, David remembered his covenant with Jonathan. /David sought Jonathan's descendants, especially those who were from the house of Saul. /David wanted to show kindness to Jonathan's descendants.

/David received a lot of help from Jonathan. /David and Jonathan also made a covenant with each other. /1 Samuel 20:12-16. /It is wonderful for us to show kindness to those who help us.

/We act with faith when we receive help from others and repay them. /There are many people in this world who betray others.

/People receive help from others nine times, then when they don't receive help once, they betray and run away from them. /We must be thankful if we have received help at least once from others. /1 Peter 3:9.

/Verse 2. /Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They called him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "Your servant," he replied.

/David called Ziba, a servant of Saul's household. /David asked if there was anyone in Saul's household. /David then found out that Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth. /Verse 4 says that Mephibosheth was in Lo Debar.

/Ziba was a servant of King Saul. /Ziba looked after Saul's house when he was alive. /After King Saul died, Ziba did not look after his master's sons, but disregarded them. /Ziba was not a faithful servant.

/Verse 6. /When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "Your servant," he replied.

/David invited Mephibosheth son of Jonathan. /Mephibosheth bowed down before David.

/Verse 7. /"Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your

grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table."

/David told Mephibosheth not to be afraid. /Then David promised that he would give him all the land that belonged to Saul. /David allowed Mephibosheth to always eat at his table.

/David treated Mephibosheth like one of his own sons. /Mephibosheth was grateful. /Mephibosheth was truly grateful that David welcomed a forsaken man like him.

/Verse 9. /Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family.

/David summoned Ziba, Saul's servant. /David then told him that he gave all of Saul's land to Mephibosheth. /Then David commanded Ziba to properly serve Mephibosheth. /David was wrong here.

/At the time, Ziba was no longer Saul's servant. /Ziba was wealthy and had twenty servants of his own. /It would have been better for David to find someone else to serve Mephibosheth.

/Ziba had no choice but to say, "Yes," because it was the king's order. /However, it says in 16:3, 4 that Ziba slanders Mephibosheth. /Ziba slandered his master when David went to Jerusalem to escape from Absalom.

/Verse 12. /Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth.

/Mephibosheth received great grace from David and was treated like one of the king's sons. /Mephibosheth also received his grandfather Saul's land. /However, Mephibosheth was crippled in both feet.

/We will continue with 2 Samuel chapter 10. /The title is, "David Sends a Delegation to the King of Ammon." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, David sends a delegation to Hanun. /Verses 1-2. /Second, the king of Ammon insults David's delegation. /Verses 3-5. /Third, the Ammonites gather for war. /Verse 6.

/Fourth, David sends an army to fight the Ammonites. /Verses 7-8. /Fifth, Joab fights and defeats many armies. /Verses 9-14. /Sixth, David's army strikes the Arameans and wins. /Verses 15-19.

/Read verses 1-2. /In the course of time, the king of the Ammonites died, and his son Hanun succeeded him as king. David thought, "I will show kindness to Hanun son of Nahash, just as his father showed kindness to me." So David sent a delegation to express his sympathy to Hanun concerning his father. When David's men came to the land of the Ammonites,

/When David ran away from King Saul, he found grace from Nahash king of the Ammonites. /David did not forget his grace. /Now, the king of Ammon had died, and Hanun succeeded Nahash as king. /Thus, David sent his servants to express his sympathy.

/Verse 3. /the Ammonite nobles said to Hanun their lord, "Do you think David is honoring your father by sending men to you to express sympathy? Hasn't David sent them to you to explore the city and spy it out and overthrow it?"

/The Ammonite nobles were wrong in their thinking. /The nobles reported falsely to their king. /The nobles thought that David sent a delegation to spy on and overthrow the city.

/The nobles reported to the king, "David sent them to you to explore the city and spy it out and overthrow it." /Upon hearing this, the king of the Ammonites shaved off the beard of David's men, and cut off their garments in the middle at the buttocks, and sent them away.

/The king of Ammon made a wrongful judgment. /The Ammonites also greatly insulted David's delegation. /The Ammonites would later face great destruction because of their wrongful judgment and misunderstanding.

/When something happens to us, it is important that we make proper judgments and take care of the problem. /If David's delegation were to spy on the Ammonites, /wasn't it possible for the Ammonites to follow closely behind them and prevent them from spying?

/This was not true, but the king of Ammon misunderstood and insulted David's men. /It is also good to send people away with good hearts. /There was no need for the Ammonites to insult David's delegation. /The Ammonites made David and his men angry and brought wrath on himself.

/Verse 6. /When the Ammonites realized that they had become a stench in David's nostrils, they hired twenty thousand Aramean foot soldiers from Beth Rehob and Zobah, as well as the king of Maacah with a thousand men, and also twelve thousand men from Tob.

/The Ammonites knew that they were a stench in David's nostrils, and they prepared for battle. /The Ammonites presumed that David would be angry and attack them.

/Hence, the king of Ammon hired soldiers from other nations' armies. /If anyone makes a wrongful judgment, he will have to pay for the results. /David could not remain still at the time, and so he gathered his soldiers and went to war.

/Verse 9. /Joab saw that there were battle lines in front of him and behind him; so he selected some of the best troops in Israel and deployed them against the Arameans.

/Joab and his brother Abishai led the army to fight the Ammonites.

/Verse 12. /Be strong and let us fight bravely for our people and the cities of our God. The LORD will do what is good in his sight."

/Joab encouraged his brother Abishai to fight bravely for the people and cities of God. /They went to war with faith that God would surely help them. /"The LORD will do what is good in his sight." /God does good when his people fight for his people and kingdom.

/This meant that God would surely help them. /Psalm 108:1. /Joab ultimately gained victory in the war.

/Verse 15. /After the Arameans saw that they had been routed by Israel, they regrouped. /Verse 16. /Hadadezer had Arameans brought from beyond the River; they went to Helam, with Shobach the commander of Hadadezer's army leading them.

/The Aramean soldiers who had run away returned and regrouped. /The Ammonites joined forces with the Arameans from beyond the River.

/Verse 19. /When all the kings who were vassals of Hadadezer saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they made peace with the Israelites and became subject to them. So the Arameans were afraid to help the Ammonites anymore.

/From here on, all the kings who were vassals of Hadadezer made peace with the Israelites. /The Arameans became afraid of Israel, and they did not help the Ammonites again. /God lifted David up even more through this war. /All the nations became afraid of Israel and served Israel.

/We will continue with 2 Samuel chapter 11. /The title is, "David's Sin." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, Israel goes out to war. /Verse 1. /Second, David sins. /Verses 2-5. /Third, David comes up with a strategy to cover up his sin. /Verses 6-13.

/Fourth, David commands that Uriah be killed. /Verses 14-17. /Fifth, Uriah's death and the account. /Verses 18-25. /Sixth, David takes Uriah's wife in marriage. /Verses 26-27.

/Verse 1. /In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

/It was a new year. /Joab and the king's men gathered the army and destroyed the Ammonites. /Joab also besieged Rabbah. /Rabbah was the capital of Ammon. /It was located 45 kilometers east of the Jordan River.

/David remained in Jerusalem and enjoyed a complacent life. /His men were in battle,

fighting with their lives on the line. /Yet, David was in Jerusalem, and he was complacent and dissolute.

/Verse 2. /One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful,

/David got up from his bed one evening. /This shows that David woke up late from a nap. /The Israelite army was doing their best in fighting in battle.

/However, David was spending his days, lazy and self-indulged, in his palace. /If David continued to be like this, he would eventually sin greatly. /Genesis 4:7. /Sin will enter the heart of anyone who does not actively do good.

/Therefore, we believers must continuously and actively live with faith. /We must diligently pray and participate in worship. /David walked around on the roof and saw a woman bathing.

/Her name was Bathsheba. /She was Uriah's wife. /She was wrong in her behavior. /She did not bathe inside, but bathed outside where people could see her.

/Bathsheba did not protect her body, and as a result, her husband died. /Bathsheba destroyed the king's family, and she brought chaos to the nation.

/Verse 3. /and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

/When David saw the woman bathe, lust of the eyes and lust of the flesh entered him. /The devil used lust of the eyes to entice David and make him fall and sin. /When Eve saw the fruit of the tree of good and evil, she ate the fruit because it was "pleasing to the eye."

/The devil tries to fill us with greed and deceive us. /1 John 2:16. /Matthew 4:1-11. /Proverbs 22:14. /Romans 7:8. /We can win only if we avoid the sin of sexual immorality. /1 Corinthians 6:18. /David later received great pain because of this sin. /Psalm 31:3, 4.

/Verse 4 says, "She had purified herself from her uncleanness." /This means that she purified herself after the time of uncleanness after her period. /Then she became pregnant. /At the time, a woman was stoned to death if she slept with another man and became pregnant.

/Verses 6-7. /So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going.

/David came up with a strategy to cover up his sin. /David did not think to repent after he committed the sin. /David tried to cover it up using whatever method he could to do it.

/David called the woman's husband, Uriah, from the battlefield. /David asked Uriah how the soldiers were, and then sent him home. /David did this so that it would appear as if the woman was pregnant with her husband's child.

/However, Uriah did not go to his home but slept at the entrance to the palace with the servants. /The Israelite army was fighting in war. /Uriah's conscience did not allow him to return home and sleep comfortably with his wife. /Verse 11.

/Uriah was a faithful soldier. /Hence, David's plan turned out to be worthless. /Proverbs 28:13. /David tried to cover up his sin, but he could not. /This was because God, the Judge, revealed his sin.

/Verse 11. /Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my master Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open fields. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and lie with my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

/Uriah told David the reason why he did not return home. /Uriah was a faithful servant. /Uriah was not greedy. /Uriah used his conscience.

/David made Uriah drink and made him drunk. /David planned to make Uriah go home drunk and sleep with his wife. /However, Uriah still did not go home. /David's plan failed.

/Verse 14. /In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah.

/Verse 15. /In it he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

/Because David continued to fail in his plan, David decided to kill Uriah. /David wrote a letter to Joab the commander of the army, and told him to let Uriah die.

/David sent that letter through Uriah. /The faithful Uriah took the letter that ordered that he be killed. /How cruel and wicked did David become? /This was worthy of God's wrath.

/Joab let Uriah die as David ordered. /From then on, Joab would not respect David. /Joab also did wrong. /Even if it was the king's order, Joab should not have let the faithful servant die in battle.

/David committed the sins of adultery and murder. /David killed the faithful Uriah. /In this way, when one tries to cover up one sin, he will commit a greater sin.

/Therefore, it is important that we repent immediately when we sin. /There are people in this world who commit greater sins to cover up smaller sins. /There are people who kill others to hide their sin of robbing others.

/Verses 18-19. /Joab sent David a full account of the battle. He instructed the messenger: "When you have finished giving the king this account of the battle,

/Joab sent a full account of the battle to the king. /Then Joab gave a report of Uriah's death. /Yet, God knew everything no matter how hard David tried to cover up his sins.

/Verse 23. /The messenger said to David, "The men overpowered us and came out against us in the open, but we drove them back to the entrance to the city gate.

/Joab reported that Uriah was dead. /David heard that Uriah the Hittite was dead. /David was relieved to hear that Uriah had died.

/David would have believed that his plan was perfectly carried out. /David was negligent of his faithful servant.

/Verse 26. /When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him.

/Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, and she mourned for him. /Bathsheba's husband died because of her sin. /Bathsheba too should have thoroughly repented.

/Verse 27. /After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

/After the time was mourning for Uriah was over, David brought Uriah's wife to his house and she became his wife. /However, God saw and knew all of David's wickedness. /David did not let others find out about his sin. /Yet, God would reveal it all and would judge David.

/We will continue with chapter 12. /The title is, "The Prophet Nathan's Rebuke." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, the prophet Nathan rebukes David. /Verses 1-9. /Second, David's punishment. /Verses 10-15a. /Third, David's son becomes ill and dies. /Verses 15b-23. /Fourth, Bathsheba gives birth to Solomon. /Verses 24-25. /Fifth, David strikes the capital of Ammon and captures it. /Verses 26-31.

/Read verse 1. /The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor.

/The prophet Nathan came and rebuked David. /Nathan rebuked him through a parable. / There was a poor man who had but one sheep. /There was a rich man who had a large number of sheep.

/When a traveler came to the rich man, the rich man did not take one of his own sheep to

prepare a meal for him. /Instead, the rich man took the poor man's sheep and prepared it to eat. /God did not rebuke David right after he sinned, but rebuked him after some time had passed.

/God did not rebuke David right after he sinned. /This was because David's spirit grew dark at the time. /David thought about his sins as time passed by.

/David was troubled in heart. /Psalm 31:3, 4. /Psalm 51:8-12. /God sent the prophet Nathan and rebuked David when David was troubled in heart.

/Verse 5. /David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die!

/David burned with anger when he heard the prophet Nathan's parable. /David said that the man who did this must pay for the sheep four times over. /Exodus 21:1. /David did not know that the parable was about him.

/Verse 7. /Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.

/Nathan said to David, "You are the man!" /Nathan rebuked David with God's word.

/Verse 9. /Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

/God gave David an abundance of things. /David was greedy in taking Uriah's wife as his own. /David looked down on God's word. /David did evil in God's eyes.

/Then David killed Uriah and stole his wife to be his own. /Thus, David committed the sins of adultery and murder. /David committed the sin of stealing. /He committed the sin of lying. /This happened because David looked down on God's word.

/Verse 10. /Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

/God said that he would punish David for his sin. /First, the sword would never depart from his house. /This meant that his family would kill one another. /13:28, 29. /18:14, 15. /1 Kings 2:24, 25.

/Second, there would be calamity in his house. /Third, his wives would be taken and given to others to sleep with.

/Verse 13. /Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

/David listened to Nathan's rebuke, and he immediately repented. /This showed that David still had faith. /Proverbs 28:13. /Man can make mistakes and sin. /He will be forgiven if he immediately repents. /We can receive forgiveness of our sins before God. /Isaiah 1:18.

/Verse 14. /But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die."

/Because David sinned, the enemies would rise up against him. /Then Nathan proclaimed that the son born to him by Uriah's wife would die. /David received forgiveness when he repented. /However, David would have to receive punishment for his sins.

/When the child was about to die, David fasted and prayed all night for the child. /The child died in seven days. /The servants were afraid to tell the king that the child had died.

/David heard the servants whispering. /David realized that the child was dead. /David asked his servants if the child had died. /The servants replied that he had died.

/David then got up and washed, put lotions on, and changed his clothes. /Then David went to the house of the LORD and worshiped, and then he returned to his house and ate food. /This showed that David forgot about the things that happened.

/The child died, and the child would not return to him. /David did not continue to be sad. /Matthew 8:22. /Philippians 3:13-14. /We must believe in the sovereignty of God.

/When the child died, David believed that it was God's will. /We can be sad if someone dies. /However, we must believe in God's sovereignty and be comforted. /We will go to heaven in a little bit. /We must believe in God's sovereignty and promise, and be comforted.

/Verse 24. /Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The LORD loved him;

/David thoroughly repented. /Psalm 6; Psalm 51. /Then God gave him Solomon through Bathsheba.

/Verse 26. /Meanwhile Joab fought against Rabbah of the Ammonites and captured the royal citadel.

/David repented, and God blessed him. /Joab captured Rabbah the capital of Ammon. /Joab then asked King David to conquer the rest of Rabbah. /Joab gave all of glory of his victory to King David. /Joab lifted David up.

/Verse 30. /He took the crown from the head of their king--its weight was a talent of gold, and it was set with precious stones-- and it was placed on David's head. He took a great

quantity of plunder from the city

/David went to Rabbah, captured the city, and took the crown of the king of Ammon.
/David put the crown on his own head. /In the past, David dedicated all the articles to
God. /8:11, 12. /We must always give glory to God.

/Here we will conclude the fourteenth lecture on the Books of Samuel. /Thank you.