

Two Men Kings of Israel Who Came Into Judgment

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The sermon examines the judgments faced by King David and King Ahab due to their sins, emphasizing the certainty of God's word and the consequences of wrongdoing.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes that God sees and knows everything about us, including our thoughts and actions. Sin is taken very seriously by God, and it will always be dealt with and punished. The preacher uses the example of David's sin in 2 Samuel to illustrate how even a wise and intelligent person can be blinded by sin. The sermon concludes by emphasizing that there is only one way to heaven, through the Lord Jesus, and that sin will always be exposed and punished.

Transcript

Thank you so much. Thankful to be back here safely again tonight. Thanks to our good brother, Mr. Angus, Captain Camel.

Gave us good transportation down to Orlando and back again. It was real help. We had a real wonderful day down there yesterday.

I don't know when I was at a nicer Sunday school picnic than they had there yesterday. It was just one of these outstanding ones, and the Lord gave us a perfect day for it. Yesterday, at the Iowa Hill Chapel, we had a wonderful day as well.

Sunday school is glowing again. Sandy's limelight is filling up more and more. And the young lady stayed behind and wanted to be sure she was saved this morning.

In fact, we were able to deal with her, and she had assured our salvation. So, she and her mother went away very happily together after the meeting. So, we thank the Lord for the encouragement.

Now then, we come to the last subject, and I said it was two Jewish kings of whom judgment was pronounced and executed. Now, there's a lot of Jewish kings that judgment was pronounced on, but I'll

give you a little lead. Both were involved, or both had women involved with this particular, with each particular one.

But what about this judgment on them? That'll give you a little lead. Now, I only want one hand at a time. Two kings of whom, Jewish kings of whom God pronounced judgment and was executed, exactly as God said it to His servants, the prophets.

Two different kings, both with a woman involved. It looked like... Say that again? David and Ahab. Advice is carried.

David and Ahab. Now, using these two first as illustration as to the certainty of the word of God to be fulfilled. Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but the word of the Lord endureth forever. Thy word is truth. You can depend on it.

Will it be a promise as to the way of eternal life? God said that he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life. That's exactly what it means. To as many as receive Him, the Lord Jesus, to them He gives the authority to become the sons of God.

That's exactly what it means. He that believeth not is condemned already. That's what it means.

He that believeth not is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, and that's exactly what it means. God's word is truth. When the Lord Jesus said, Nothing else.

You can take God's word, and that's the problem today. You see, so many people do not believe God's word. We're looking a little bit tonight at the dark side of God's word and His promises, because there's that side to it, too.

All kinds of people like to believe in heaven, and all hope to go there, for some means or another. But there's only one way to heaven, and there's only one way to get there, and we've pointed that out for the week. There's only one, and that's the Lord Jesus.

But tonight, we also want to find out something else. And that is, be sure your sin will find you out, and sin will never be unnoticed or will never be unpunished. Sin will always be dealt with.

I think you'll see that tonight. So, as we look at the word of God, first turn to 2 Samuel, the second book of Samuel, chapter 12. Now, with that gone, but this is chapter 11, where you see the sin of David, the time when kings went forth to war, to battle.

David and Joab, is that in chapter 11. And David stayed home. And as he was staying home, idle, temptation was put before him.

Beautiful woman, beating herself, came before his vision. By yanking the bowl he saw, he decided, he covered it, he took, and then covered it up. Nobody knows.

Nobody knew about it. Until he got word from that same lady, that she got, I'm a child. What am I going to do? Like all men, when they get in a corner, they'll find ways and means to try to get out of it.

Right? You can see them saying, I'll get the husband to get home, give him a leave, and let him get home and have a nice time at home with his wife. But the husband was an honorable man. David brought him home, encouraged him to go home and live with his wife, and he said, no, shall I be under a roof and have a nice home and all that when these other men are out there in the battle? I won't do it.

What a man that Uriah was. No wonder he was mentioned among the mighty men of David. And David got him to be drunk, thinking then he might go home.

No. Till the same night. So when David couldn't do, couldn't cover it up like this, he sent him back to the army and he sent a letter with him to the captain, Joab.

He said, Joab, put him right in the most dangerous spot. Place him there. And that's where Joab put him.

And that honorable man was killed in the battle. Then, David took that Sheba to be his wife. Everything was covered up.

No one will find out. All right, now let's read from 1 Samuel, chapter 12, or 2 Samuel 12. The Lord sent Nathan unto David.

Nathan was the prophet of God. And he came unto him and said, Unto him there were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds.

But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had brought and nourished up, and it grew up together with him and with his children, and it ate of his own meat and drank of his own cup and lay in his bosom and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveller unto the rich man and he spared to take of his flock, of his own flock, and of his own herd to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him, but took the poor man's lamb and dressed it for the man that was come to him. And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, Hath the Lord liveth? The man that hath done this thing shall surely die, and he shall restore the land for whole.

You notice that? Here's a man pronouncing his own judgment. He doesn't know it. He's going to restore for whole because he did this thing and because he had no pity.

And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thank God for bold servants, men that are not afraid of the faces of men. There are many men, men's faces there are, men that will not stand up and be counted and be true to their convictions.

Nathan was. Like John the Baptist. He said to Herod, You've done wrong, Herod.

That takes courage to stand up to a king. Doesn't it? It doesn't take much courage to stand up to little 60-year-old boys that you've done wrong, but to stand up to a king that has power to execute you. In those days, they had complete power.

Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus said the Lord God of Israel, I know it of thee, King of Israel, I deliver thee out of the hand of Saul. I give thee thy master's house and thy master's wives into thy bosom and give thee the house of Israel and of Judah.

If that have been too little, I have more given unto thee such and such thing. Wherefore, thou defies the commandment of the Lord to do evil in his sight. Thou hast killed Jumiah the Hittite with a sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and has slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from thine house, because thou hast despised me and hast taken the wife of Jumiah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes and give them unto thy neighbor. You remember that took place on the Absalom.

And he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of the sun, and thou didst it secretly, but I'll do this thing before all Israel and before the sun. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. There is the wonderful redeeming part of David's care, if you like.

One thing with David, when things were told for him, he said, I have sinned. Remember when Abner was told about his sin, he got mad, and he wouldn't turn from it. Rather, he got rid of the fellows that convinced him of his sin.

When Herod was told about his sin and his wife, she got rid of John the Baptist. Rather than get rid of his sin. But David, when he was told, he said, I've sinned.

What a lesson we learned here. For I say, he's a man of my own heart, excepting this one thing. The Lord spared him because he confessed his sin.

And you know Psalm 51 is the account of his confession. Now listen. It goes on to say then, And Nathan said unto David, The Lord hath also put away thy sin, and thou shalt not die.

How fierce! Because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme. And the child that is born unto thee shall surely die. Now, here you have David.

He committed the terrible sin of adultery and murder. The awful heinousness of his sin. He that covered up his sin, he shall not prosper.

This is the word of God. Now, David was a believer. It doesn't matter if he was a believer or non-believer.

Whatever sin he's going to have to, that sin is going to be dealt with in a different way, of course. But sin will always be dealt with. Sin is the most expensive thing in the universe.

No one can sin and get away with it. The Lord's Word verily says, Be sure your sin will find you out. A cleverest cover-up act that He provided here from all human standpoints.

A perfect cover-up! But everything is naked and open to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Thou, God, seest me. My friend, tonight God sees you and He sees me true and true.

Your thoughts all known. You read sometime at your leisure Psalm 139. Before you ever speak your words, He knows the words you're going to speak.

He knows your thoughts that fire off. He knows your downfitting. He knows your appliances.

He knows everything about you. There's nothing hid from Him. So we see in this lesson that God is absolutely up for everything we are due.

And nothing escapes Him. And sin is very, very serious. You have the terrible sin, the conversion, and the conviction of this sin, and the repentance.

But nevertheless, whatsoever man soweth, that shall he also reap. David said, The man that done this thing, he's going to restore it for all. All right, let's just see how God's Word was fulfilled.

In this same chapter, you have the first promise or the word of the Lord, then. The child, in verse 14, the last bright altar that is born unto thee shall surely die. Right down after that, the child died.

David's baptism. In verse 18, it came to pass on the seventh day that the child died. Number one.

And here in this chapter, you have also a wonderful explanation to us. Sometimes people ask you, what about a baby that died that has not been baptized or christened, and so on. There's a little illegitimate child.

Died. But David said, after he heard of it, then he stopped sowing. He got up, he washed himself, and he ate his food, and he said, I can't bring it back, but I can go to be with that child.

And I know David was going to go to be with the Lord. That's the first. Now, number two in the fulfillment of these, turns me to chapter 13.

Chapter 13, verse 28 and 29. Now, there's a, one of David's boys, Adam, said, O my friends, how the children will follow their successors. He committed this awful sin, this garlic sin.

Some of these things we, we shrink from speaking about in public. But the way things are in the world today, we have to be clear on these things. And this boy, he disgraced his half-sister.

Beautiful girl. Stole her purity. And a brother, Absalom, in his heart, right then, covenant that he was going to get him.

So he arranged a vocation when he would be invited. And this is the vocation. And now Absalom, verse 28, in chapter 13, has commanded his servant, saying, Mark ye now with Ammon's heart, with Mary, with wives.

And when I say unto you, smite Ammon, then kill him. Fear not. Have not I commanded you, be courageous and be valiant? And the servant of Absalom did unto Ammon, as Absalom had commanded, with all the king's sons of old, so that he may get him up upon his building set.

Number two, the second child of David, murders. Then, as on this day, he'll restore fourfold and turn now to chapter 18 of 2 Samuel, verse 14. Now, the setting here, of course, is Absalom is risen up.

He's stolen the hearts of the multitudes of Israel. He's after the bones, and he got it. He did that.

They all believed that more of a son of maintenance, his own flesh would commit. But now the final battle has come. David has given word, don't anybody touch the son.

Oh, my son Absalom, don't anybody touch him, don't he'll kill him. And Absalom had a great big head of hair, and he was riding on his mule. He got caught in a great big tree by his hair, and he was hanging there.

And one of the men came, and they told Joab, the captain, verse 12 of chapter 18. And the man said unto Joab, and as he had told him, Joab said he would have given him ten shekels of silver and a girdle if he would have killed him. Though I received a thousand shekels of silver in my hand, and yet would I not put

my hand against the king's son? For in our hearing, the king charged thee, and this ye are, and this ye are, saying, Be glad that none touched the young man Absalom, otherwise I should have fought falsehood against mine own life.

For there's no man ahead from the king, and thou thyself wouldst have set thyself against me. Then said Joab, I may not say thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand and thrust them through the heart of Absalom while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak.

Number three. The man that's on this sin he's going to pay for all. You know what an amazing thing with David, such a wise man.

If you notice right here, that nothing was hid from him. He's like an angel of God that said in one thing, he knows everything. You remember the time that Joab sent a woman to him in order to bring Absalom back? And David saw through the whole thing.

He said, Isn't it Joab that sent you? And she said, Why, nothing is hid from you. And here is a wise man like David, he thinks he can get away with sin. Sin is blind.

Sin is a blinding thing. It blinds the most intelligent. And that's why so many intelligent people are blinded by their sins, and they're on their way to hell.

They're lost. Now that, number four. 1 Kings 2. It says, The fourth son, Adonijah, the younger son of Absalom.

When David came to Gethsemane, he rose up, and he had Joab and Abias, Abias as a priest, and others around him to take the cold. For it said, Solomon is going to reign. But he thought he would get it.

But God, through David, said, No, it's Solomon. And Solomon was crowned king. And as Solomon was king, Adonijah, one of these young maids that had been waiting on David when he was old and cold and couldn't keep warm.

And he said, he came to Bathsheba and said, I just want to ask one favor, and you can go to the king, and he won't deny you. I want that girl to be my wife. And Solomon said, this is it.

And he sent his captain, and they had him executed. Adonijah, the son of Jehoiada, he fell upon him in verse 25, and he died. Number four.

The wheels of God said, They climb slowly, but they climb surely. Dear one, tonight, let's not make the mistake that we can get away with any kind of sin. It's going to find you out.

Pay the idle word that a man speaks, you'll have to give an account of. God keeps perfect books. There'll be nothing forgotten.

Nothing forgotten. He's the record of everything. Everything is written down.

We'll see that in a moment. I must tell you all. Now then, quickly, we'll just look a little bit at Absalom, just to show you the illustration.

First Kings, chapter 20. The first sin of Absalom was in sparing this king, and had that. That was his first sin.

He was supposed to have killed him, but he spared him. And the prophet says to him, in the first Kings, chapter 20, and verse 42, And he said unto him, Thou saidst the Lord, because thou hast let go to thy hand the man whom I appointed to other destruction. Therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.

Right after that, in chapter 21, he goes up, and he looks over Naboth, to Naboth's vineyard. He covets it. He wants it.

And he goes to Naboth, a godly Jew, and Naboth says, Now it is not right and against the law for me to let you betray a vineyard to a Jew, even for you to buy it. So he came home, and as a spoiled boy, he was pouting. He lay down with his head against the wall, he was pouting.

And his wife, Jezebel, that's the other woman, that woman defeated him. And, she said, What's the matter, Ahab? He's laying there pouting. I want Naboth's vineyard, and he won't let me have it.

I'll do that. I'll do it together. You know, just like a spoiled child.

I'll get it for you. So she said, and she went down, and she framed some witnesses, and made a great feast for, down there, where Naboth could be very important, and she framed him in two colors, put things in his mouth, and he had never said, witnesses against him, and right there, they stoned him to death. They said, Go back.

It's all done. She said, Now go down and protest your vineyard. And as he was strolling down there, looking at all this lovely protest that he had just come into, like that.

Just like in the scene. He's sent by the Lord. The Word of the Lord, verse 17, chapter 21, came to Elijah the despised, and Elijah went down to meet Ahab.

If there was any man Ahab didn't want to meet, it was Elijah. That's the last man he wanted to meet in this stolen vineyard. But I tell you, my friend, you'll all come face to face with your sin, and you don't get away with anything.

And thou shalt speak unto him, verse 19, saying, Thus saith the Lord, thou hast killed, and also taken possession, and thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord. Now, you remember it was Jezebel that maneuvered all this, but this man is held responsible. The head of the house is all held responsible.

He says, In the place where the dog slipped the block of Naphod, shall the dog lift up thy block, even thine. And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And the answer, I have found thee. And I tell you, God always finds us in it.

In a coming day, if you don't get saved in this life, dear friends, there'll be no place to hide. There'll be no place to hide. They'll cry, in a coming day, they'll cry for the mountain and the hill to the rocks to fall on them, to hide us from this.

There'll be no place to hide. He says, I have found thee, because thou showest thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord. Now, this was his sin.

There was his judgment pronounced. Now, I want you to see the fulfillment of his judgment. Chapter 22, and it starts at verse 31.

He goes out to battle in alliance with Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah. They had been told by the true prophet of God, Micaiah, that he wouldn't come home. So the fool then, he says, now, I won't go on a king.

I'll take off my kingly robes, wear yours, but I'll just go in, and I will camouflage myself. They'll never know I'm a king. They'll never discover me, you see.

Now, do they? And they saw Jehoshaphat, and they grabbed him, but he cried out. And the Lord delivered that glory man. It's a woman he didn't, he almost got killed.

But somewhere in it, they drew his bow, and he let that arrow fly, and it hit Ahab, right between the shoulders. God always gets his man. Up in Canada they say, the Mounties, they always get their man.

But they don't. But I tell you, God does. God always gets his man.

And that's, jump down to verse 37, of 1st Kings 22, So the king died and was brought to Samaria, and they buried the king in Samaria. Now listen to these words that were told to him by Elijah. And one washed and tarried in the pool of Samaria, and the dog licked up his blood.

And they washed his armor according to the word of the Lord, which he spake. God's word will come to pass. Then, I want you to see the judgment upon Jezebel.

Here in chapter 21, verse 23, And of Jezebel also speaks the Lord, saying, The dog shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jethreel. The dog shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jethreel. Now turn to 2nd Kings chapter 9. Here's the fulfillment.

Jehu comes to the place where she's hiding up, where she's camouflaged herself, and living at the desk. Jehu gets Jezebel up at verse 30, and she painted her face, and tied her hair, and looked out of the window. And as Jehu entered in at the gate, he said, Has J.Y.P., who is Lewis' master, lift up his face to the window and said, Who is on my side? Who? And they looked up to him, two or three eunuchs, and he said, Throw it down.

So they threw it down, and some of the blood was sprinkled on the wall and on the horses, and he tore down the foot. And when he came in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go see now this cursed woman, and bury her, for she's a king's daughter. And they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands.

Wherefore they came again and told him, and he said, This is the word of the Lord, which he spake for his servant Elijah, that if I say, In the portion of Jethreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jethreel. How accurately is God's word! How accurately it is fulfilled! Here you have the one, the king, the believer. His sin is dealt with.

Here you have two of the wicked people in high authority. God is no respecter of persons. The soul of sin, it shall die, it shall be dealt with.

And it was executed according to the word of the Lord. Now may I just bring a few things to your amendment. I want you to turn to Revelation chapter 20.

And I realize I'm bringing solemn things to us tonight. You know, and you turn to Revelation 20, it says in 2 Peter chapter 2, I believe it is, the battle of verse 4, that God spared not the angels that sinned. He didn't spare them.

They'll be served in chains now, darkness, waiting for that day. God spared not the old world, for it was filled with a flood. They had sinned, and sin had to be dealt with.

God spared not the cities of the plain and the days of blood, for they were burned up, they were destroyed with fire and brimstone. God spared not Israel as the natural branches. We read in the book of Romans, and then we come to this climax, also in Romans.

God has spared not his own son. My friend, when the Lord Jesus hung on Calvary's cross for you and for me, bearing our sins in his own body on the tree, all the floodgates of God's wrath was opened up, and it was poured out upon him without mixture. Without mixture he drank that cup to his bitter dregs.

When you have sinned and my sin was laid upon his holy son, and he bared all sins in his own body, and the drinks God dealt with him, for you have sinned and my sin, you have made a curse for us. He, the holy one that knew no sin, was made sin for us. For ways of the bills of God's wrath poured over him.

He cried out, I think, in deep mire where there is no standing. My God, my God, why art thou forsaken me? He was there for you and for me, that we might never, never come under judgment. Isn't that wonderful to have a substitute tonight? Even though we're guilty, even though we're sinners, even though we deserve to be banished from God's presence, there's one that surprises.

That the voice was heard to deliver him from going down to the pit, just as after what crown, and here to come I found a ransom. I see that he gave himself a ransom for it all. That's the glorious news of the gospel.

But the awful thing is that we reject such good news. No one can reject the neglect of good news without also suffering the consequences that we saw illustrated in the word of God tonight. And I, now in Revelation chapter 20, and I saw a great white throne.

It's great because of who is sitting on it. It's white because of its absolutely impeccable purity, holiness. And him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away, this is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Father committed all judgment to the Son.

He had appointed a day, and this is the day, which he'll judge men righteously. And they all were to flee, and all brought back. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God.

And the court here, the great white throne, the judge, the Son of God. And here you have the prisoners, the small and the great, stand before God. All the unsaved.

And the books were opened from the time when you became accountable to the time that man leaves this earth. Everything is recorded. There's not a thing left out.

Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged, and those things were written in the books according to their works. There'll be degrees of punishment. The sea gave up the dead which were in it, that's the bodies I take, death, the bodies, and hell, Hades, delivers up the soul of the lost, which were in them, and they would judge every man according to their works.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Now the books will be opened.

Everybody will be gathered there. Eternity will be then. There'll be no question of time.

Time will not enter into it at all. Everyone will be dealt with individually. And every sin will get a proper punishment.

This is why you should be saved tonight. There's no judgment of them that I think I see there. See there that at the place called Calvary.

He took my place. Tonight I will weep over the loss of guilty, hell-sent, and a hell-found, and a hell-deserving sinner. Jesus took my place.

He took all the path of God that I deserved. He has given to me the righteousness, that robe of righteousness, that picture of the presence of a holy God. He has flooded out my sins as far as East as from the West, and yet I'll remember them no more.

Isn't that wonderful? Now these books will be opened to connect with the Christian. They're all canceled. All blotted out.

Completely a new creation in Christ. Have your sins all been blotted out? There's only one. It's the blood of Jesus Christ that cleansed us from all sin.

Nothing else can take away sin. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Plan, deal with it tonight.

Share the Sabbath tonight. Get right with God tonight. Come to the Lord Jesus and say, Lord, I'm a sinner.

Save me from my sins. Come into my life and make me a new man, a new woman, a new boy, a new girl. I want to be a Christian tonight.

Lord, come into my life. And the moment you really institute that from your heart, God says all your sins are blotted out. God, isn't that great? Wonderful.

I hope you'll be saved tonight. We'll be praying as you're singing, and then we'll have a coffee break. The hymn is 226 feet, would you turn to that three? 226.

And we're going to have all Father leads and sing the last two stanzas. And we're going to pray as we sing that maybe there's someone here tonight and you're not saved, but you'd like to be. You know, it would be a wonderful thing tonight if you would just openly come right up and say, I want to receive.

Just come right up to the front. Come right there and meet you. Say, I want to publicly accept Christ tonight.

The Lord will bless you, boy, and give you real joy and peace in believing and taking an open stand like that. The last two stanzas of 226, could we rise, please? Amen. Tremendously, oh, then why don't you move up and really come openly tonight.

Last stanza. If you'd like to be saved, be sure and talk to me. I'll be at back of the door, and we want to help you.

That's the purpose of these meetings, that you might be saved. God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come. He really loves you.

It's a friend who warns you of the danger. You can't get away with your sin. Jesus wants to save you from your sin.

That's why his name was called Jesus. We shall save the people from their sin. This is bound prayer.

Oh, Father, we pray thou use thy word, and the singing, and any power that serveth for thy glory tonight. Bless thy people, as it should be someone here tonight that is but a stranger to thee, and to thy sovereign grace, Lord, tonight. May they indeed come in all sincerity and simplicity, and ask the Lord Jesus to save them from their sin.

Use thy word now. Parley with thy blessing. We thank thee for this week together.

In our Lord Jesus' precious name, amen. May we do this. Amen.

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