

#7 - 7/15/2018 - 2 Samuel 13-14 - Grieved

I. Love turned to hatred - [2 Samuel 13:1-22](#)...¹⁵ *Then Amnon hated her with a very great hatred; for the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get up, go away!"*¹⁶ *But she said to him, "No, because this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you have done to me!" Yet he would not listen to her.*¹⁷ *Then he called his young man who attended him and said, "Now throw this woman out of my presence, and lock the door behind her."*

Most worldviews of %love+are very different than agape love ^A. Today love denotes a feeling, rather than an action. It is a feeling that comes and goes, and that moves from person to person. It does not involve commitment or sacrifice. This %love+ gives a woman or man the right to love as many as they please, even if married, and without regard to gender. Amnon has %fallen in love+with Tamar, why should he not have her?

However, after Amnon rapes Tamar, his response is not love, but "*a very great hatred*", [v.15](#). Sexual immorality leads to anger and hate, not love ^B. God did not create us for this kind of love but for sacrificial love. This is the kind of love that Jesus demonstrated for us. Jesus came to earth, He died, He was buried, and He was raised on the third day so that we could exchange our sin for His righteousness. ^C May we love the agape way of Jesus, for the glory of God and for the good of others ^D.

Praise God that Jesus showed His love for us by sacrificially laying down His life for us. Ask that God would help you to love the way that Jesus loves.

Notes: A- Examine yourself against [– Agape Love described](#) ; B- [Galations 5:19-21](#); C- [2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:23,5:8,6:26,10:9,13](#); D- [Mark 12:30-31, 1 Corinthians 10:31](#); E- I am indebted to help from the FBC Personal Study Guide for Summer 2018 p. 47 & I recommend your using it for a study of 2 Samuel - click [here](#).

II. Absalom murders his brother Amnon - [2 Samuel 13:23-29](#)...²⁸ *Absalom commanded his servants, saying, "See now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon,' then put him to death...."*^{29a} *The servants of Absalom did to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded.*

[2 Samuel 13:1-22](#) demonstrated that sexual sin is an expression of hate, not love. In vv.23-29 we find another truth: sin does not affect just the sinner and those directly impacted by the sin, but the effects of sin spread into the lives of many other people even into future generations. David's sin with Bathsheba, then murder and his sin by not disciplining Amnon for the rape of Tamar resulted in multiple opportunities for

Absalom to sin. Nathans prophecies after David's sins were being fulfilled in David's family.

Absalom hates his brother for what he did to Tamar; so after 2 years he murders him. There could be several responses to this passage. We could say it was a dysfunctional family or we could think of people in our lives that possess similar vices and say neither of these represents us. Or, we could recognize that the same sin that exists in David's family exists in some ways in us as well.

A passage like this one should drive us to despise sin. But we need God's help to change our hearts. ^B. It is for guilty sinners like David, Amnon, Absalom, you and me that Jesus came to die. *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world."* ^C Have you been saved? Run to Him today for forgiveness and transformation.

Each day I will **REVIEW** my recent actions, motives, thoughts, and words; **CONFESS** where I have sinned against God & others; and **REPENT** of each sin, asking God for forgiveness and help [a] to change my heart, [b] in persevering to turn from sin, and [c] asking Him not to let my sin harm others.

Notes: A- not used; B- click on ["31 Days of prayer for confession through Galatians 5:19-23a and 2 Peter 1:5-7"](#); C- [John 1:29](#); D- I am indebted to help from the FBC Personal Study Guide for Summer 2018 p. 48 & I recommend your using it for a study of 2 Samuel - click [here](#).

III. Morning, heartbreak and separation over sin - 2 Samuel 13:30-39... ³⁶ *As soon as he had finished speaking, behold, the king's sons came and lifted their voices and wept; and also the king and all his servants wept very bitterly.*

V.36 The result of Absalom's sin in killing his brother ^A was heartbreak and morning over the death of Amnon in David's household for 3 years ^B. Immediately Absalom fled because of his sin. The truth behind his flight is biblical. The world loves the darkness and hates the light, because in the darkness our sin is concealed, while in the light all its ugliness is on display. One of the signs that our hearts are falling in love with sin may be retreat from the people of God.

Not only did Absalom flee, but he fled from Israel back to the Gentile homeland of his mother. Often when we fall into sin, we flee from the light back to the dark to our old ways. When we pursue sin and flee from our brothers and sisters, the church suffers and weeps. Jesus came that we might have abundant life. ^C The life He purchased for us by His death, burial, and resurrection is a life of holiness, separated from sin and united with Him and His people.

When we feel the temptation of sin, we should not flee into the darkness, but bring it into the light, acknowledge our sin, confess and repent.

Disciples praise Jesus today, who is the light of the world and that He has transferred you from the kingdom of darkness into His kingdom of light. Ask that He would help you put on the full [Armor of God](#) to fight temptation to sin each day. Ask that He would empower the church to fight sin together, in fellowship and union with one another.

Notes: A- 2 Samuel 13:28-29; B- 2 Samuel 13:37-39; C- D- I am indebted to help from the FBC Personal Study Guide for Summer 2018 p. 49 & I recommend your using it for a study of 2 Samuel - click [here](#).

IV. David and Absalom reunite - 2 Samuel 14:1-33...

David had many wives, did not discipline his children and his son, and his son, Absalom killed his half-brother, Amnon, because Amnon raped Absalom's sister Tamar, Amnon's half-sister. Because of these events, Absalom fled and lived as an outcast for three years. David longs to see Absalom but refuses to let him back in because of what he has done. Absalom likewise desires to see his father, David.

After 3 years Joab devises a wise plan using a woman of Tekoa in vv.2-20. The plan works and David lets Absalom back in to Jerusalem, but refuses to see him! Absalom lives separated from his father until one day after 2 years he gets fed up with it. He sets fire to one of Joab's fields and forces Joab to set up a meeting between him and David. Joab succeeds, father and son reunite, and this part of the story ends with David giving Absalom a kiss. vv.24-33

The woman of Tekoa says the following: "¹⁴ Yet God does not [simply] take away life, but devises plans so that the one who is banished is not driven away from Him." This woman teaches David and us that God is a God of reconciliation and restoration, not banishment. Do you recognize that you were an outcast, banished from the presence of God? But by His grace God devised a means for you to be reconciled with Him!

Have you ever been in a major conflict with someone? Have you ever effectively banished someone from your life or the reverse? What does today's passage teach you about the importance of a wise reconciliation plan? ^B

Notes: A- 2 Samuel 14:14b AMP; B- For reconciliation and peace-making click [here](#); C- I am indebted to help from the FBC Personal Study Guide for Summer 2018 p. 50 & I recommend your using it for a study of 2 Samuel - click [here](#).

V. God rejoices when lost sinners are reconciled to Him - [Luke 15:1-32](#)...⁷ *I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

God, and heaven, rejoices when sinners are reconciled to Him; just as a shepherd rejoices when he finds a lost sheep, or a woman when she finds a lost coin, or a father when he finds a lost son. The woman of Tekoa said that God devises means for the one who is banished to be restored. ^A

We were once lost, banished, cast out from the presence of God because of our sin. Yet since God devises plans to bring back the banished, since He rejoices in reconciling lost sinners to Himself, He sent Jesus to die on the cross and pay for our sins. Because of what Christ has done, all those who trust in Him are reconciled to God! Each restoration brings Him much joy.

Our response to this gospel truth should be: [1] Rejoice along with God that we have been reconciled to Him, and we should rejoice when others are reconciled to Him. [2] We should not be like Jonah ^B, or the Pharisees ^C, and grumble when God redeems lost sinners. [3] We should reflect the truth of reconciliation in the way we live our lives. [4] We should strive with everything we have to be ambassadors for Christ; making His appeal of reconciliation to a lost and dying world. [5] If we find ourselves in a situation of conflict, we should pursue peace-making and resolve the conflict. ^D

Have you felt distant from God lately? Have you had a lack of passion for evangelism? Have you experienced conflict with other people?

Pray earnestly that your unbelieving friends, co-workers, colleagues, and acquaintances would be reconciled to Him. If you are experiencing relational conflict, ask that God would help you bring reconciliation.

Notes: A- [2 Samuel 14:14](#); B- [Jonah 3,4](#); C- [Luke 15:1-2](#); D- For reconciliation and peace-making click [here](#); E- I am indebted to help from the FBC Personal Study Guide for Summer 2018 p. 51 & I recommend your using it for a study of 2 Samuel - click [here](#).

VI. Summary/application: 2 Samuel 13-14:

1. Even though:

---David was a man after God's own heart ^A,

---He was Spirit filled; at David's 1st anointing "*the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.*" ^B

---and his house and kingdom would endure forever ^C,

Yet David continued to sin!

[After having many wives, committing adultery with Bathsheba, murdering his friend Uriah, and marrying Bathsheba; then David did not discipline Amnon for rape or Absalom for murder and waited 5 years to reconcile with Absalom and more to come]

2. Disciples are sinners just like David! *"If Christ is in you, though the **body is dead** because of sin, yet the **spirit is alive** because of righteousness."*^D Even though:

--We have been saved from the penalty of the the wrath of God and given power over the dominion of sin,

--We received the Holy Spirit at salvation and can be filled by the Spirit daily^{D1},

--We will live forever in heaven with Jesus.

3. Sin is transferred from generation to generation. No matter what our mistakes and sins of the past or current circumstances we can finish strong, Jesus-centered not self-centered.^{D2}

4. Reconciliation and peace-making are opportunities to demonstrate God's grace and agape love to others.^E

5. *"⁵ applying all diligence, in your faith supply...^{7d} love."*^F **The greatest virtue to pursue daily is agape love.**^G

Notes: A- [1 Samuel 13:14](#); B- [1 Samuel 16:13](#); C- [2 Samuel 7:16](#); D- [Romans 8:10](#); D1- [Be filled by the Holy Spirit daily](#); D2- Daily be [Jesus-centered](#); E- For reconciliation and peace-making click [here](#); F- [2 Peter 1:5-9](#); G- [1 Corinthians 13:4-8a,13](#); [John 3:16, 14:15,21,23](#), [1 John 4:7-8,11,16,18-21](#); [1 John 5:3](#);

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2. Each day I will **REVIEW** my recent actions, motives, thoughts, and words; **CONFESS** where I have sinned against God & others; and **REPENT** of each sin by asking God for forgiveness and help [a] to change my heart, [b] in persevering to turn from sin, and [c] asking Him by His grace and mercy to not let my sin harm others.^A

3. Disciples praise Jesus, who is the light of the world and that He has transferred you from the kingdom of darkness into His kingdom of light. Ask that He would help you put on the full [Armor of God](#) to fight Satan and the world system.

5. Have you ever been in a major conflict with someone? Have you ever effectively banished someone from your life or the reverse? For reconciliation and peace-making click [here](#);

6. Have you felt distant from God lately? Have you had a lack of passion for evangelism? Pray earnestly that your unbelieving friends, co-workers, colleagues, and acquaintances would be reconciled to Him. Be an ambassador for Jesus this week by sharing your faith using the Red Card or other aids ^B.

7. Memory verse - 2 Samuel 14:14 *For we will certainly die and are like water that is spilled on the ground and cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not [simply] take away life, but devises plans so that the one who is banished is not driven away from Him. [AMP]*

8. **Always Be Ready and keep a clear conscience! 1 Peter 3:15-**

16a...¹⁵ *sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;* ^{16a} *and keep a good conscience* [NASB] Memorize in the Bible Version you prefer--for many versions click [here](#)

Notes: A- click on "[31 Days of prayer for confession through Galatians 5:19-23a and 2 Peter 1:5-7](#)"; B- Examples to have with you include tracts such as [Got Life](#), [How to have peace with God?](#) or the [Life or Death-Red Card](#).