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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

NOW THEREFORE THE SWORD SHALL NEVER DEPART FROM THINE HOUSE; BECAUSE THOU HAST DESPISED ME

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VETERAN'S DAY

SCRIPTURE READING: **2 SAMUEL 12:1-10**

2 Samuel 12:10, Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the November 11, 2018 Evening Message for the Background.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Since today is Veteran's Day, I will use the Introduction to talk about our beloved Veterans.
- b. This is an American holiday known in other parts of the world as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day and falls on November 11 which is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I.
- c. Major hostilities were ended on the 11th. Hour of the 11th. Day of the 11th. Month in 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.
- d. Veterans Day is intended to thank the living veterans for their service and to acknowledge in memory the contribution of those that have made the supreme sacrifice in service to our country.
- e. The World War Two vets were absolutely outstanding in every category. Some served during the Korean War and I am told by Korean vets that they were the keys to the success in Korea.
- f. In 1945 a major conflict ended.
- g. According to the latest data, over 16 million Americans served in World War Two.
- h. As of June 2017, about 558,000 of the 16+ million US soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who served in WW2 were still alive. That number is rapidly declining. In 2016, the Department of Veterans Affairs estimated that 362 American World War II veterans died every day.
- i. We know that those who are still remaining would be in their late 70's, 80's and 90's and etc. We are fortunate to have had five as members of Chesswood Baptist Church at one point; however, sad to say are all gone. With fond memory we remember Bro. DD Dillon, Bro. Burt Curron, Bro. Ray Carley and Bro. Delwin Maas, and Walter Babbs
- j. **These great men and women have been known as the greatest generation. Seek them out sometime and thank them for their marvellous service.**
- k. I believe they have earned that title, being born somewhere between 1910 and 1930.
- l. They probably made one of the greatest contributions to America that has ever been made.
- m. The winning of World War Two, on the basis of their sacrifice, was a marvelous accomplishment for every American citizen.
- n. As we look at the Great Depression of the 20's, we find that it prepared them to endure what they went through during this great World War.
- o. President Clinton said in 1955 that "The World War Two generation saved the world. If Hitler wins that war his succession would dominate the planet until this day."
- p. They are indeed a unique generation.
- q. They seem to have it all balanced and had a fortitude which would be nice for us to be able to capture today.

- r. We honor ALL veterans and their families for their contribution to the efforts of the United States of America.
- s. According to the 2010 US Census Bureau, there were 21.8 million military veterans in the United States. Of the 2.7 million of Americans who served in Vietnam, approximately 57,000 were killed. It is estimated that out of those survivors less than 900,000 are alive today. I am happy to report that I personally served two tours in Vietnam in that era along with other members of this church. (a show of hands) In both Iraq and Afghanistan, we have also had brave soldiers in harm's way.
- t. Veterans Day is known as a day of remembrance for those who have died for our country and a tribute to those who are still alive.
- u. With that in mind let's turn our thoughts to the nation. I do believe our military forces have done a marvelous job in protecting this great country, but America is falling apart from the inside.
- v. We want to reflect on some things from God's Word today.
- w. With that introduction, let's see what we can glean from God's precious Word today as we share from **2 Samuel Chapter 12**.

3. EIGHT POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. And the LORD sent Nathan unto David.

1. **2 Samuel 12:1**, *And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.*
2. Nathan relates a story to David. *"There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor."*
3. This reminds me of Lazarus and the rich man. The rich man was rich in material goods on earth and Lazarus was a beggar. But when both men died, Lazarus was comforted, and the rich man was in torment. **Luke 16:25**, *But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.*
4. When breath left their bodies, the lives of these two individuals were reversed; Lazarus became the rich man and the rich man became the beggar.
5. **God gives us ample opportunity in this life to turn to Him for salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2**, *(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*
6. My question to you is do you know the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour?
7. Nathan, one of God's prophets, relates this story to David. Prophets during that time spoke to the king. The Bible says the Lord sent Nathan to David and David recognized Nathan was there and listened to his story: *"There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor."*
8. **John 12:8**, *For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always*
9. Here at Chesswood Baptist Church, we must be sensitive to the needs of the poor people. We must understand that in one sense, we are all beggars if we do not know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, but when we come to know Him, we are rich; we become a child of the King. God instructs us in **James 2:16**, *And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?* We must give them the Gospel and respond to their need **in accordance with our resources**.

b. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds.

1. **2 Samuel 12:2-3**, *The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds; 3: But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.*
2. As this story unfolds, I can just feel the heartbeat of David; that he is getting angry.
3. It appears to be on the surface – one of those things that needed to be rectified. It indicates that someone has been mistreated.
4. As we go deeper into this story, we must understand that we must always cast the beam that is in our own eye before we look at the mote that is in someone else's eye. **Matthew 7:4-5**, *Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5: Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.*

5. We live in a generation where it is easy to blame. It is easy to look at things on the surface and take sides. We need to understand that the real conflict is between good and evil.
6. *Regardless of what people do around us we must take a stand for our Lord Jesus Christ and attempt to do what is right.*
7. Nathan goes further with the story.

c. And there came a traveller unto the rich man.

1. **2 Samuel 12:4**, *And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take 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.*
2. As indicated earlier, Nathan tells this story and David is becoming very angry with the situation.
3. David sees that injustice has been done.
4. There was an abundance of flocks and herds that the rich man had, but he did not partake of his own, he took from the poor man.
5. This means that advantage had been taken.
6. I must caution each of us; when we are in leadership positions, we are not to have power **over people**. We should have power **with people**. *We must learn how to do what is right – regardless if it is popular or not.*
7. The Bible instructs us that if a man be overtaken in a fault to restore him. **Galatians 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.*
8. We must be sensitive to the needs of others. We cannot allow their feelings to be hurt if we can keep from it.
9. When the Word of God is preached, it will cause conviction in the heart. Pastors are instructed to preach the Word; not to police the flock. **2 Timothy 4:2**, *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*
10. We have to be careful in our attitude and our approach towards people.
11. Notice what happened here. *"but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him."* – To take something from the poor and give it to someone else when there are riches in abundance will cause problems.
12. It is easy for us to not consider someone else's circumstances and conclude they have no need. We must be diligent to search out the matter. **Proverbs 25:2**, *It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.*
13. The Bible warns us that we might be entertaining angels when a stranger is entertained. **Hebrews 13:2**, *Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*
14. We must be sensitive to the will of God. We must ask the Holy Spirit what our approach needs to be.
15. David's anger was greatly kindled.

d. And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man.

1. **2 Samuel 12:5**, *And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:*
2. King David had the authority to put this man to death.
3. David was not a righteous judge. Neither can we be.
4. I do not believe that God has called any pastor to police the congregation: to be judge and jury over the congregation that God has given him. **1 Peter 5:3**, *Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.*
5. God has not called any man on the face of the earth to forgive sin. The only One who can judge righteously is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the One who will judge the quick and the dead. **2 Timothy 4:1**, *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;*
6. All judgment has been committed to the Son. **John 5:22**, *For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:*

7. David is so angry until he decides that he is going to pronounce judgment. **Luke 6:37**, *Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:*
8. He thought the story that Nathan was bringing to him was a problem in his kingdom. He did not realize that the spotlight was on him; that Nathan was leading up to the problem and sin that was in David's life.
9. David was ready to exercise judgment in an arrest of the man who had done this awful thing.

e. And he shall restore the lamb fourfold.

1. **2 Samuel 12:6**, **And he shall restore the lamb fourfold**, *because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.*
2. The Bible says we must keep our flesh under subjection. **1 Corinthians 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.*
3. We must first of all, check and examine ourselves. From time to time every pastor needs to examine his own heart. We need to make sure we are where God has called us to be. **2 Corinthians 13:5**, *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; **prove your own selves**. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*
4. **There is no question that once we are saved, we are always saved**, but a pastor can get outside of God's will. We can get so tied up with things and matters and doing this or that until we neglect studying God's Word. We can only be approved by God if we study. **2 Timothy 2:15**, *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
5. When a man neglects the study of God's Word he quickly gets out of God's will.
6. Although things might seem to be going well, every aspect of our lives needs to be guided by the Holy Spirit. **Galatians 5:16**, *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

f. And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man.

1. **2 Samuel 12:7-8**, **And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man**, *Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; **8**: And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; **and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.***
2. I could not help but to think of when Solomon came to the throne. He was, by the way, the son of David and Bathsheba. One of the things he wanted was wisdom. God gave him that wisdom and permitted him to build the temple. **2 Chronicles 1:9-12**, *Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. **10**: Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? **11**: And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: **12**: Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.*
3. Another example is Elisha and Elijah. He wanted a double portion of Elijah's wisdom. **2 Kings 2:9**, *And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. Elijah was also a man, who at one time, had a lapse of faith and was hiding under a Juniper tree from wicked Jezebel. **1 Kings 19:4**, *But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.**
4. Nathan tells David that he is the man. Nathan had to be a brave man in order to tell the king that.

5. He says, David you are the guilty one. Your sins have come up before the Lord. *"Thus saith the LORD God of Israel,"* - This was not Nathan pronouncing this, it was God's words spoken by a prophet.
6. Then he reviews some of David's history. Where David came from herding sheep to become king over the entire nation of Israel.
7. God says He would have given anything that his heart desired as long as it was right, but David long for something that was not God's will.
8. He should have been out with his men on the battlefield.
9. There are so many pastors in the pulpit that refuse to preach on sin and are unwilling to listen to God and examine themselves. I believe God wants us to preach on sin. If we do not, we preach another Gospel. **Galatians 1:6**, *I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 2 Corinthians 11:4*, *For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*
10. God does not whitewash sin; He tells it like it is.
11. A man after God's own heart had stepped outside of God's will and causes much problems.
12. David never lost his salvation; he lost the **JOY** of his salvation. **Psalms 51:12**, *Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Psalms 37:28*, *For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever; but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. 1 John 5:13*, *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

g. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD.

1. **2 Samuel 12:9**, *Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.*
2. Nathan tells it like it is; he gets down to specifics, where the rubber meets the road.
3. He tells David exactly what his sin is.
4. God had indicated that although David did it in secret, He was going to announce it before all Israel. **2 Samuel 12:12**, *For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.*
5. Here, Nathan accuses David of the most brutal crime, both adultery and murder.
6. David had stepped outside of the will of God.
7. Notice that David does not get away with his sin.
8. There are consequences to sin. **Exodus 34:7**, *Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.*
9. There are so many people who name the Name of Christ and do not realize they can cause an unsaved world on the basis of how they live and act to blaspheme God. **2 Corinthians 5:7**, *(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) Romans 14:23*, *And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*
10. We must keep those two verses foremost in our mind.
11. Notice what the Lord does in judgment.

h. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me,

1. **2 Samuel 12:10**, *Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.*
2. David did not get away with his sin.
3. I want you to read the whole story before you accuse God of winking at sin. There is a tremendous amount of judgment on the Lord's part. *"Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house;"* - God gives several reasons.
 - a. *"because thou hast despised me,"*
 - b. *"hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife."*

4. If you recall in **Chapter 11** from a previous message, we found out that David displeased the Lord in his actions.
5. He thought that all was over after the death of Uriah and tried to tell Joab that he had done the right thing. But God is not through with the issue. **2 Samuel 11:25**, *Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.*
6. If we are truly a child of God, He will chastise us. **Proverbs 3:12**, *For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.* **Hebrews 12:6**, *For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.*

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour? If you do not know Jesus as your personal Saviour, today needs to be your day of salvation. **2 Corinthians 6:2**, *(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*
- b. **Matthew 11:28-29**, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*
- c. If you do not know the Saviour do not allow breath to leave your body without making reservation for a home in Heaven.
- d. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- e. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- f. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- g. Would you please stand?

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