

Israel's Biggest Enemy

2 Samuel 12:26-13:39

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Read 2 Samuel 12:26-31

1.) The Similar Structures of 2 Samuel 5-8 and 2 Samuel 10-12

- Similar Structures Invite Comparison

Two Things We Learn:

A.) David is Subduing the Nations

B.) David Has Changed

2.) The Similar Structures of 2 Samuel 13: 1-21 and 22-39

- A Movement of Two of David's Sons from Assault to Revenge

Read 2 Samuel 13:15

Read 2 Samuel 13:20-21

"...Then all the king's sons arose, and each one got on his mule and fled." (13:29)

Read 2 Samuel 37-39

"do not take this thing to heart." (13:20)

"Now therefore, let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart..." (13:33)

"If God's heart was pained and he was grieved when he saw in Noah's day an earth that was evil, corrupt, and full of violence, how did his heart feel when he looked on the house of David and again saw evil and corruption and violence?" —Victor Hamilton

Two Things We Learn:

A.) The Physical, Typical, Temporary Fulfillment of Covenant Promises has not Produced the Kingdom of God on Earth.

B.) The Diagnosis is Things Aren't Getting Better, But Degrading.

Genesis 34:7, "...because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, a thing which ought not to be done."

"...for no such thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful thing!" (13:12)

Deuteronomy 4:6-7, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' "For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us."

Judges 20:13, "...But the children of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brethren, the children of Israel."

"However, he would not heed her voice..." (13:14)

"...Get up and let us be going..." In Judges 19:28.

Judges 19:23, "No, my brethren! I beg you, do not act so wickedly!..."

"No, my brother, do not force me, for no such thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful thing!" (13:12)

"...Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem." (12:31)

Application: Israel's Problem Is Israel

A.) The Enemies of God are a Real Problem, but They are Not My Problem.

B.) Lust, Lies, and Loathing are the Symptoms that Remind Us Just How Sick We Were.

C.) Lust, Lies, and Loathing are the Symptoms that Remind Us But By the Grace of God Go I

D.) Jesus is Our Daily Constant Treatment to Our Problem