



Adult Sunday School

Lesson-22: David's advice to Solomon

Date:

11 Dec 2022
(Sunday)

Time: 9.40am

Venue: Sanctuary

Announcement

Adults Sunday School (Sanctuary)

Last lesson of the Adults Sunday School class at the Sanctuary is on 11 Dec 2022. This class will resume on 8 Jan 2023. Eld Ng Beng Kiong will be teaching on “The Epistle of Paul to the Romans”.

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(1) Background:
David's death was
near and he gave
his final word to
Solomon.

(2) Final advice

(a) Be strong and act like a man.

(b) Observe the requirements of the Lord ... so that you will be successful.
(2 Kings 2:3)

(c) Take action against Joab because he murdered 2 of David's army commanders, Abner and Amasa. (1 King 2:5-6)

- Saul's and later Ish-Bosheth's commander Abner killed Asahel, Joab's brother. Joab sought revenge and killed Abner. (2 Sam 2:18-23)



Joab and Abner
met at the pool of
Gibeon

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	Event	Spiritual Lessons
3.(a)	Joab (David's commander) and Abner (Ish-Bosheth's commander) and their men met.	Slippery slope...
(b)	They decided to have hand to hand sparring session by 12 men from each side.	
(c)	But, each of the man thrust his sword into his opponent ending the lives of 24 men.	

	Event	Spiritual Lessons
(d)	A fight between 2 sides started.	Abner, a brave warrior of honour...
(e)	Asahel chased Abner. Abner did not want to fight Asahel as if he killed Asahel, Abner would not be able to maintain friendship with Joab anymore (Asahel was Joab's brother). (2 Sam 2:22-23)	
(f)	Asahel refused to back down. Abner killed Asahel.	

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(g)	Much later, Abner reconciled the kingdom of Saul and David together. Abner therefore now serve king David.	Abner, a brave warrior of honour...
(h)	Joab still harbour revenge against Abner, took Abner aside and without warning, killed Abner. (2 Sam 3:21-27)	Joab, not an honourable man for killing Abner by deception.

- Joab was displeased with Amasa for his slowness in carrying out a task and killed Amasa. (2 Sam 20:4-10)

	Event	Spiritual Lessons
4.(a)	David ordered Amasa to summon the men of Judah to him within 3 days.	
(b)	Amasa took longer than 3 days.	
(c)	As a result of the delay, a rebellion against David was brewing quickly.	

	Event	Spiritual Lessons
(d)	<p>Somewhat later, when Joab met Amasa, he pretended to be friendly to Amasa but killed him with a sword.</p> <p>(2 Sam 20:4-10)</p>	<p>Joab was deceptive in catching Amasa off-guard and killing Amasa.</p>

(d) Be kind to sons of Barzillai the Gileadite because they took good care of David when he fled from Absalom. (1 Kings 2:7)

- **Spiritual Lesson:** If we act righteously, God will also reward us. The sons of Barzillai acted righteously taking care of David, and God rewarded them.

(e) Take action against Shimei who had cursed David while fleeing.
(1 Kings 2: 8)

- **Spiritual Lesson:** God punishes for sins. Shimei was not genuine in seeking forgiveness. In the same way when we are not genuine in seeking forgiveness and repentance, God will punish.

(5) David died. Solomon succeeded David.

(6) Adonijah tried to assert control and was executed, (1 King 2:13-25)

- **Spiritual Lessons:**

- In Adonijah's case, he was still trying to wrest the kingdom from Solomon when Adonijah said to Bathsheba:

“Thou knowest the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign...” (1 Kings 2:15)

	Event	Spiritual Lessons
7(a)	After failing the 1 st time, Adonijah still harboured ambition to be king.	
(b)	Adonijah camp: (i) Joab, the general (ii) Abiathar, the priest	

	Event	Spiritual Lessons
(c)	<p>Knowing that Solomon would agree to Bathsheba's request, Adonijah approached Bathsheba to request to king Solomon for Adonijah to marry Abishag, David's consort.</p> <p>This would strengthen Adonijah's power by including Abishag.</p>	

	Event	Spiritual Lessons
(d)	Bathsheba made Adonijah's request to Solomon. Solomon knew Adonijah was building his power to seize the throne again.	When we have been punished for our sins, do not sin again lest greater punishment comes from God.
(e)	Solomon ordered the execution of Adonijah. (1 Kings 2: 13-25)	

(8) Joab was executed.

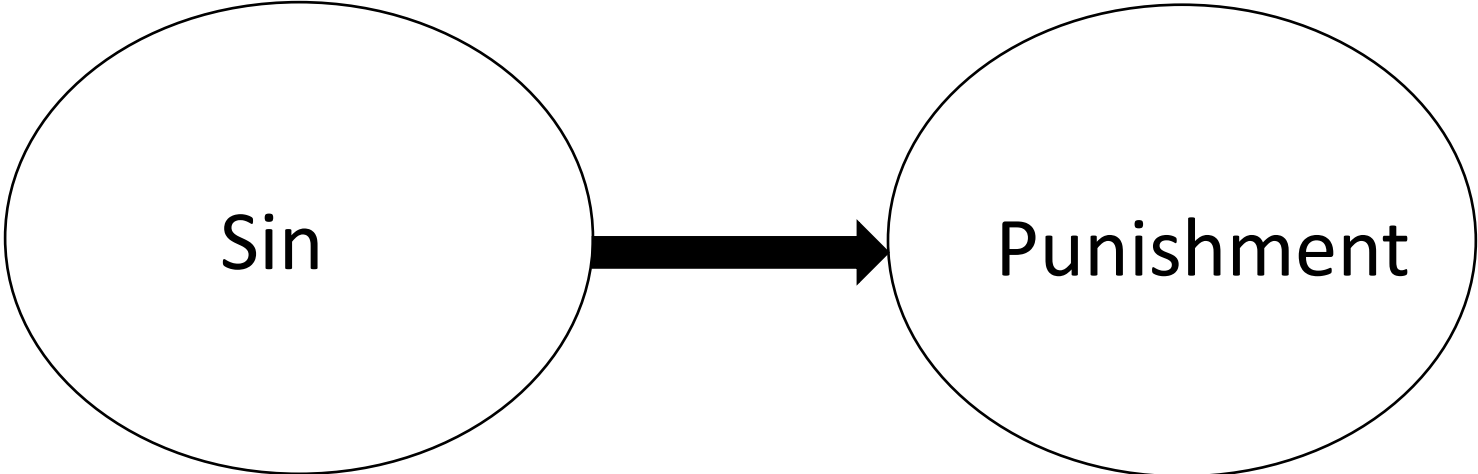
(a) Joab had conspired with Adonijah to usurp the throne. Solomon ordered his execution. (1 Kings 2:28-34)

(9) Shimei was executed.

(a) Shimei had disobeyed King Solomon's order to stay in his house. Solomon gave order for Shimei to be executed. (1 Kings 2:36-46)

Spiritual Lessons on the Life of David

(1)



Person	Sin	Punishment
Saul	Disobedience to God's command	Kingdom would be given to another person (David)

Person	Sin	Punishment
David	Adultery and murder	(a) 4 of David's sons had to die. (b) Conflict and violence in the family.
Amnon	Sexual assault	Killed by Absalom.
Absalom	Murder and rebellion	Defeated and killed in the battle.
Adonijah	Rebellion	Executed

(2) Forgiveness and repentance

- What set David apart from the others was that he sought forgiveness from God and repented with a broken spirit and contrite heart. (Psalm 51)
- Saul, Amnon, Absalom and Adonijah did not seek forgiveness or repented.
- Because David sought forgiveness and repented, God was with David and he ended well. The others ended badly without God.
- In the same way, we must seek forgiveness and repent of our sins. God will be faithful to forgive us and restore us.

(3) The sovereignty of God

- The sovereignty of God means God is all powerful and in absolute control of all events and circumstances.
- Despite Saul and his army's pursuit of David, David emerged victorious against Saul and took over the kingdom in accordance with God's sovereign will.
- Despite Absalom's rebellion and success in causing David to flee, David was restored to the throne and Absalom and his army defeated in accordance with God's sovereign will.

- If we are on the side of Almighty God, we will have no fear.



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Questions from the class.