

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddy Dickinson

Opening Prayer: Greg Lowery

On the Table: Head - Josh Berryhill
Servers - Lannie Key
Ralph Burleson
Gary Addison

Closing Prayer: Leonard Key

Preparing the Lord's Supper: Katie Berryhill

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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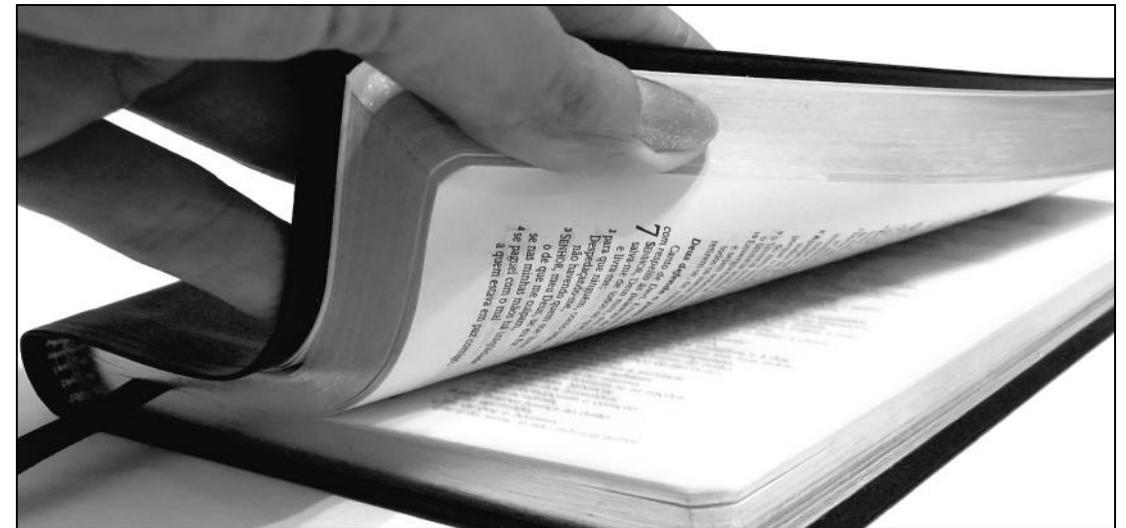
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What Made the Difference?

By Dan Jenkins

Have you ever thought about how small the Bible was which was read by the man after God’s own heart? He had access to those first five books, the books of Moses. Perhaps he had access to the book of Job. He would have known of the books of Joshua and Judges. The book of Ruth was more than a record of a woman from Moab—it was a story about his own great-grandmother. There were thirty other Old Testament books which would eventually complete the revelation God gave the Jews, but David never had access to them. Only nine books—yet, the truths contained in them were enough to change the shepherd boy into being a man after God’s own heart.

God knew the importance of the Bible in changing rebellious hearts and making them like His own heart. Listen to the words God gave to David (and to all the kings) hundreds of years before Israel had a king. “Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. And it shall be with him, and shall read it all the days of his life...that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren that he may not turn aside from the commandment...” (Deut. 17:18-20). There was enough in those first five books (those which Moses described as being the one the Levites had in Moses’ day) to change the heart of any man. Yet, hearts were rarely changed. How could this be? What was the difference in the heart of David and the hearts of almost all of the other kings? What was the difference between him and those high officials who crucified Jesus?

It was not that godly men read the Bible, and the ungodly leaders did not read the Bible. James, the Lord’s brother, said, “For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath” (Acts 15:21). The ungodly Jewish leaders knew the Sabbath, the law, circumcision, punishment for adulterous women and washing of hands. The Jews preached Moses and read the law, but it only changed the heart of a few of them. Why?

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Faye Cotton: recent blood work was good, goes Sep. 25th for more scans, please be praying that some new treatment can be found that will help her

Denise Kimbrell: has completed her treatments; please be praying that cancer will not return

Rosa Melton: will have surgery October 2nd to remove cancer from her womb, please be praying that the surgery will be successful and the cancer has not spread

Kay Dodd: is continuing to take treatments, please continue to pray that this cancer will stay in remission

Barbara Wilkinson: still having problem with infection on her feet, please pray that the medicine she is taking will cure this infection

Danny Harbin: recently diagnosed with prostate cancer, please keep him in your prayers

Mable Weeks: has several health problems and has been placed under hospice care, please continue to keep her in your prayers

Cory Davis Holmes: was born with neuroblastoma, he is undergoing treatments and is showing improvement, please pray for this young child and his family

Sandy McCaleb: has started cancer treatments, please be praying that this cancer can be treated and defeated

Charles Gay: last scan showed shrinkage with his brain tumor, attends the Cleveland congregation, please pray for him and his family

Adam Stidham; (co-worker of Al) has been diagnosed with leukemia, please pray that this will be treatable

Brandon Adams: {BHS Band Director} diagnosed with stage four liver cancer, please pray that he can receive treatment to defeat this cancer

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Barbra Fields: recently had surgery to remove a tumor from her colon, please pray that cancer will not be found.

Kristy Ingram: was diagnosed with cancer and is presently undergoing treatments, please pray that these treatments will work

Larry Metcalf: has been diagnosed with lung cancer; please pray that he can receive treatments that will defeat this cancer

Danny Berryhill: the doctor was pleased with the surgery, please be praying that he will make a full recovery and that the pain will be subsided.

Dewayne Wilkinson: having some heart problems, please pray that he can receive help with this

Michael Flippo: has been diagnosed with a tumor on his brain and one on his lung and bone cancer, please pray that the doctors can help him

Alice Foster: diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs she is currently in the nursing home undergoing rehab, please keep her in your prayers

Christie Fletcher: will have surgery September 20th to remove a place in her mouth, please be praying that the surgery will be successful.

Greg Stidham {Adam Stidham's father}: suffered severe injuries in a recent auto accident, please pray that he can recover from these injuries.

Mary Box: the new spots are cancerous and she will begin taking radiation treatments, please pray that these treatments will defeat this cancer

Hear the words of the man whose heart was like God's heart. "His delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law he meditates day and night...My voice shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up...In fear I shall worship toward Your holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness...Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Your sight...Lead me in Your truth and teach me..." (Psa. 1:2; 5:2, 7-8; 19:14; 25:5).

What was the difference? When David read the Bible, he longed for it to change him. There is a vast difference in reading the Bible every day and reading it like David did!

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"Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day".

Psalm 25:5

The Drunk Who Was More Righteous than One Sober

By Sam Willcut

In Second Samuel 11, King David was on the rooftop of his palace one evening while the army was at war with the Ammonites. He saw a beautiful woman named Bathsheba as she was bathing. Lusting after her, he brought her into his bedroom and committed adultery with her. In an effort to cover up his sin after learning that she was carrying his child, he brings home her husband—a righteous man named Uriah—and encourages him to go home to his wife. Nevertheless, he sleeps on the steps of the king’s house out of respect for his fellow soldiers. Two evenings later, David invites Uriah to a feast and actually gets Uriah drunk (11:13), but he still did not go down to his house. What a thought—Uriah was more righteous drunk than David was sober! Let us learn a few lessons from this familiar story.

First, note the danger of lust. This sin goes back to the Garden of Eden (cf. Gen. 3:6), because it implies evil desire. Other synonyms include “covet” or “covetousness” (cf. Ex. 20:17). Jesus warns, “Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, ‘Thou shalt not commit adultery’: But I say unto you, ‘That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart’” (Matt. 5:27-28). Paul warned the young preacher named Timothy, “Flee also youthful lusts” (2 Tim. 2:22; cf. 1 Pet. 2:11). We are to model the righteousness of the grace of God after Titus 2:12: “Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.” Lust is a basic component of all sin (James 1:14-15; cf. 1 John 2:16-17). Many a man and woman have fallen to the snare of lust.

Second, note the seriousness of sin. We can see how serious sin is by examining the extent David went to commit and consequently, to cover up his sin. In the first place, he enquired about this woman after viewing her, instead of extinguishing any evil thoughts (11:3). The reference in the next verse to her purification from uncleanness implies that he thought and planned this out and waited until the time that he could sleep with her (11:4). Then, in an effort to conceal his sin, he brings Uriah home from the battle with a gift of food for him and his wife (11:8). When this did not work, he tried to get Uriah drunk two evenings later (11:12-13). When this did not work, he gave orders to his captain, Joab, to put Uriah at the front of the battle lines and pull back so he would die (11:14-17). When we see the extent David went to cover up his sin, this shows how serious a matter it is!

Third, note the beauty of forgiveness. Upon realizing the ugliness of his sin (2 Sam. 12), we see him write a beautiful confession (Ps. 51). Consider a portion:

For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar. (51:16-17, 19)

Thus, forgiveness is always dependant upon penitence and confession.

Can we not imagine what reaction David must have had when he saw Uriah in heaven? I can only imagine the conversation that must have taken place. At one point in their lives, a drunken Uriah was more righteous than sober David was! May we profit from these lessons, knowing that “...whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope” (Rom. 15:4).

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Upcoming Events

Today	Fellowship Meal	
Today	Bible Bowl {Cleveland}	2:00 pm
Tonight	3 rd Sunday Night – Singing & Prayer	5:00 pm