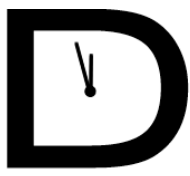


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3. Devoted to God

November 24, 2009



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To be devoted to God is to repent of sin quickly.

Memory: 2 Chron 2:17 (King David speaks)

I know, my God, that **you test the heart** and are pleased with **integrity**. All these things have I given **willingly** and with **honest intent**.

1 Chronicles 28 – The Background

1. God promises Abraham to make a nation from his descendants (Ie. Israel, named after Abraham's grandson).
2. His descendants, in tribes named after Abraham's great grandsons move to Egypt to escape famine.
 - a. God chooses the tribe of Judah to be the one to lead the others.
3. God brings all the tribes back (by Moses) to the land God originally promised to them.
4. The tribes conquer (under Joshua) and settle in their own allotted areas.
5. The people of Israel demand a King. God chooses a man named Saul as King
 - a. Saul disobeys God and God rejects him as King
 - b. God chooses David as the new King, describing him as "a man after [his] own heart."
6. David becomes King and serves and worships God well (mostly).
 - a. David desires to build God a place of worship (temple of worship).
7. David desires to pass his heart for God on to his son Solomon who was inheriting the throne.

Read 1 Chronicles 28, 29

2 Chron 2:17 - I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent.

Keypoint: 2 Chron 2:19

The Warning Against Disobedience

2 Chron 7:11-21

Keypoint: 2 Chron 7:14

¹³ "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴ **if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.** ¹⁵ Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. ¹⁶ I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

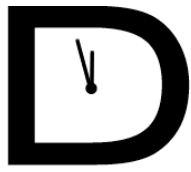
Solomon Disobeys – The Slippery Slope

Inch by inch, Solomon slips away from God.

He would eventually completely embrace the pagan rituals, idols, etc. of the non-Jewish wives he took.

Remember: 1 Chron 7:19-20 – God warned Solomon:

"But if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, ²⁰ then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name."



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1. *When Devotion Is Fractured by Sin*

2 Chron 8:7-16

It was a sin for a King of Israel to take a foreign wife. And he knew it.

What do you think his attitude was?

- Simply feeling convicted about his sin?
- Hiding something he knew was wrong?
- Justifying to himself and to God by not having her defile the holy places?
- Attempting to hide his sin from God?

Is that what we do sometimes?

- You feel convicted?
- Hide what you know is wrong?
- Attempt to justify yourself to God, to yourself, to others?
- Attempt to hide your sin from God?

2. *Devotion Really Lasts when Sin is Repented of Quickly.*

King David, Solomon's father, made his mistakes. Some were huge!

- He committed adultery and impregnated the wife of a loyal soldier when he should have been out fighting alongside him.
- Covered it up by murdering this loyal warrior and taking the wife for himself.

But when he repented, God forgave him.

Read what David prayed after he sinned: **Psalm 51**

Q. What can we learn about dealing with sin from King Solomon? (2 Chron 8:11)

Q. What can we learn about dealing with sin from King David? (2 Sam 12:13-14)

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