

Summer Spiritual Heritage Series
The Source of Strength
2 Samuel 24
Sunday Morning, August 30, 2015
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Review of King David's Reign from Jerusalem

- a. Brought the Ark of the Covenant up to Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6)
- b. Covenant with David for a *dynasty* and a *dwellingplace* (2 Sam. 7)
- c. Sin with Bathsheba and Murder of Uriah (2 Sam. 11)
- d. Saga of Absalom (2 Sam. 13 - 19)
- e. Sheba's Revolt (2 Sam. 20) & War with Philistines (2 Sam. 21)
- f. Psalm of Deliverance (2 Sam. 22)
- g. David's Last Song & Mighty Men Roster (2 Sam. 23)

The Historical Context

David's kingdom is firmly _____ by God.

The Nation-wide Heart Problem

The people of Israel and King David are _____.

The Solution

Recognize God as your true _____ of _____.

He is our sole _____.

The Result

_____ before God.

- Means of Grace; Prayer & Fasting, Word, and Sacrament

_____ with God.

Food for Thought
August 31 – September 5

Monday - Read through 2 Samuel 24. Who are the main characters? What is the action taking place? How does this passage fit into the larger narrative of King David's life, reign, and covenant relationship with God? What do we see of God's character in this passage?

Tuesday – Why did God send judgment against King David and Israel? Why was He angry with Israel in the first place? What clues in and around the passage (that is, from previous chapters) are there to suggest the content of the people's sin against God? Read Exodus 20:2-3, and reflect upon the similarity between David's sin and what God prohibits.

Wednesday – In what ways are you guilty of the same underlying sin behind David's ordering of the census? How are our communities (families, churches, national culture, political and civil societies) also guilty of this sin? What must we do to be saved? (see Acts 16:30ff)

Theological Thursday – Review Philippians 2: 5-13, and Questions 27 and 28 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism (WSC)¹. As Christ is our model for faith and practice, how ought we to humble ourselves before God? What can we expect in this life as we submit ourselves to God? What can we expect of the life to come? Review 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 and WSC Q38.

Friday – Read 2 Samuel 22. Write out your own "Song of Deliverance." It doesn't have to be long. Simply reflect upon how God has worked in your life to deliver you from trial, tribulation, and sin.

Saturday – Read Psalm 91, praying it back to God in thanksgiving, asking Him to be your refuge. Pray it on behalf of your family and the Church as well, trusting that He will satisfy you in eternal life with Him.

Answers to blanks on the front: established; proud/arrogant; source, strength; deliverer; humility; fellowship/relationship/communion

¹ You can find this online at <http://www.pcaac.org/resources/wcf/>