Nightmares of the Righteous

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INTRODUCTION

- Tonight, I present to you the title at the very beginning: Nightmares for the righteous.
- Okay, so really that introduction is just about nightmares. That's all it's about.
- Because now I want to talk about what Ken Chapman spoke on in regard to the other man. And the story of Uriah the Hittite.

1 The Nightmare of Uriah

2 Samuel 23; 2 Samuel 11

- It is another thing entirely. To suffer at the hands of those who are numbered among the righteous, of whom you would expect much more.
- Now the thing David did was evil in the sight of the Lord.
- Sometimes the righteous suffer at the hands of the unrighteous. Beware. Be on guard in regard to your attitudes toward others in the body of Christ.
- David and Uriah found themselves not on the same team. And it was none of Uriah's doing. He was innocent.

2 Not the Only Nightmare of This Story

- From all apparent indication in the text, they had a good marriage.
- Not only does she lose her husband, the child that was conceived, she sees that child born and then dies, as Nathan the prophet predicted.
- But that did not remove, I'm sure, all of the pain of her past.

3 The Nightmare of Ahithophel

- Perhaps this has been a burr in his saddle all the way along. That David had stolen Bathsheba from Uriah.
- His words in those days was as if one inquired of the Word of God.
- Because Absalom chooses to listen to Hushai, David's friend, and not the counsel of Ahithophel, that would send his rebellion on a trajectory of demise.
- The nightmare of Ahithophel. When he saw his counsel wasn't heeded.

4 Nathan the Prophet's Nightmare

2 Samuel 12; 2 Chronicles 16; Matthew 18

- It is so easy to size up the behavior of others and to gloss over our own.
- But when Nathan says to the most powerful man in Israel, you are the man.

- Sometimes we have an obligation to do things we would perhaps not want to do because of the trouble it could bring to our doorstep.
- Love compels me to go. Not to tell someone else. Love compels me to go and to speak to them.
- We must have the courage to do God's bidding regardless of the consequences.

5 David Had His Own Nightmares

Psalm 51

- Against thee and thee only have I sinned.
- Restore to me the joy of your salvation, renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- How many times did he wake up in the middle of the night thinking about Uriah the Hittite and what he had done?
- But it was not all smooth sailing for David after this incident. He went through some rough times.
- It was a moment of lust. It was a moment of desire. He wanted something. And he took it.

THE CHALLENGE

Set yourself, your course on a trajectory of goodness. And let's live our lives to the glory of God.

MY NOTES