Where the Pestilence Stopped

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INTRODUCTION

- The New Testament says that he was a man after God's heart, who would do all of his will.
- If David could make it successfully despite the glaring errors that we read about, then certainly there is hope for me.

1 Be Careful of Affluence and Blessing

- Some of the problems that David encountered were the result of his arrival.
- It's times of great blessing in his life that he seemed to encounter the greater difficulty.
- It's in these times that you can relax your guard against our very real adversary and his wiles.

2 Do Not Take Relationship With God for Granted

- Just because things were great with God in the past do not necessarily indicate that they are great with God today.
- Nathan has to say, you're the man. Tough to see ourselves sometimes.
- The hard part is faithfulness every day throughout the journey.

3 The Numbering of the People

2 Samuel 24:1; 1 Chronicles 21:1; Job 2:3

- The anger of the Lord burned against Israel, and that's what incited David to number.
- Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.
- God is in essence taking the blame because he even allows Satan to do this to his servant Job.
- What Satan desires to do to get David to stumble actually works in concert with what God wants to do, and that is to send a wake-up call.

4 No Discrepancy Invalidates Divine Authorship

2 Samuel 24:9; 1 Chronicles 21:5; 1 Corinthians 1:17

- No discrepancy that anyone can discover will force a rejection of the authenticity of the source of this message.
- Those are details to the story. It is not the essence of the story.
- There is no mixed message about morality or about what constitutes salvation before God. It is consistent and clear throughout the New Testament.
- If God wanted it to be fixed, he could have fixed it. Maybe he's challenging us.

5 The Response of David

2 Samuel 24:14; 1 Chronicles 21:16–18

- Please let me fall into the hand of the Lord. For his mercy very great. But do not let me fall into the hand of men.
- David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the Lord standing between earth and heaven.
- Is it not I who commanded to count the people? Indeed, I am the one who has sinned and done very wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done?

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2 Chronicles 3:1; 1 John 2:2; Romans 8:32

- I will not offer unto God that which costs me nothing.
- This place where David offered sacrifice is the very place where Solomon, his son, would build the glorious temple.
- For all of the blood that flowed, it could not take away sin.
- The distress and anger of God is satisfied in the offering of perfect high priest Jesus Christ, once for all.
- We should come to appreciate how horrible sin is and the awful price that God paid.

THE CHALLENGE

Do it. Lay out. I will not offer to my God. That which cost me nothing. Come. Live fully. Live for the king.

MY NOTES