



Message Outline

Error in Calculation

2 Samuel 24



Intro: A month of challenging texts in David's drama...

- 2Sam.24...a story of closure???
- v.1—Clarifying the confusion (1Chron.21)...
 - God's not evil (cf. Jms.1:13-15)...
 - David owns actions (v.10)...
- v.2—Census signaling pride...
- v.3-4—Joab knows this is a no-no...
- v.5-10—David realizes the wrong...
 - Confesses it rather than excuses it...a man after God's own heart!
- v.11-13—Still consequences to sin...
- v.14—David's insight in God's nature...
- v.15-17—Others impacted by David's decisions...
- v.18-25—Araunah's site becomes the Temple site...redemption of location!

Lessons from the Heart

- 1) R_____ of Pride (v.2-4)
 - 7 Deadly Sins...
 - Pride as self-worship, taking credit for what God's accomplished...
 - Good pride (Gal.6:14, 2Cor.7:4ff.); Bad pride (Ps.10:2-4, Prov.11:2, 16:18).
- 2) R_____ (v.24-25)
 - Location: a tragedy is turned into a Temple...self-worship to God-worship...
 - God in the business of making all things new (cf. Rev.21:5, 2Cor.5:17)...
- 3) R_____ (v.10)
 - Gateway to redemption is repentance...
 - David's imperfections always lead him back to God (ie. confession).



Small Group



Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: Exodus 19-20—The Ten Commandments

**What does this text say about God? What does it say about me/humanity?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**This week, David's "error in calculation" was pride. Do you have a modern example of a prideful person? Who is it, and why do you say they are prideful?*

**Perhaps we've heard it said before, "Pride comes before the fall." Can you think of a time where you saw that saying come true in your own life?*

**Perhaps if David took Joab's advice in v.3 he could have curbed his pride. Can you think of a time in your life when you chose not to take someone's advice and it turned out poorly for you? Explain.*

**Why was David so insistent on paying for the threshing floor? How often do you think about the "cost" of your sins?*