



Why the extended interaction and negotiation about the site and the sacrifice? Pastor leads his family in today's "Hopewell @Home" passage. 2Samuel 24:17–25 prepares us for the evening sermon on the coming Lord's Day. In these nine verses, the Holy Spirit teaches us that God's hand was against Christ on account of our sin, that God paid an infinite cost for this sacrifice, and that God has accepted this sacrifice to remove from us our guilt and punishment and to listen to our prayers.

Friday, November 26, 2021 ▫ Read 2Samuel 24:17–25

Questions from the Scripture text: To whom did David speak (v17)? Whom had he seen? Doing what? What two things does David say about himself? What does he call the people? What does he ask about them? What request does David make? What two objects does he ask that Yahweh's hand be against? How is the latter ultimately true? Through whom does God respond (v18)? Where does he tell David to go? What does he say to set up there? Unto Whom? According to what does David respond (v19)? But Who has commanded it? In v20, who "looks"? Whom does he see doing what? Where does Araunah go? What does he do? Before whom? To what extent? What does Araunah ask (v21)? What does David say he wants to do from Araunah? In order to build what? For what outcome? But how does Araunah preface his offer? What three additional things does he offer? At what cost does Araunah offer all of this (v23a)? And what is his desire in offering these things (v23b)? What does the king insist that he will do (v24a)? What does the king insist that he will not do (v24b)? What does David buy from Araunah at what price? What does David build (v25)? What does he offer? What does Yahweh heed? What happens in response?

The LORD has already stopped the plague, and now He allows David to see the Angel. The one through whom the LORD had begun to chasten Israel (cf. v1) now becomes the mediator for Israel. We never were able to answer v17's question, "what have they done?" Surely, Israel had done wickedly, despite David's question. But his request would be answered.

The LORD's hand would indeed be against David's Seed, the Lord Jesus Christ. God's immediate response is to send Gad the prophet (v18) with instruction to erect an altar. We see a little here about the inspiration of Scripture. The words come out of Gad's mouth (v19a), but it is the command of Yahweh (v19b).

David wants to buy the threshing floor (v21). Araunah wants to give him more (v22a) but free of cost (v22b). But David refuses to offer a burnt offering that costs him nothing (v24). On the one hand, this reflects the marvelous costliness at which the LORD purchases the salvation to which that sacrifice points. On the other hand, we are reminded that the sacrifice that cost Christ everything must by necessity cost us nothing.

Looking forward to Christ, David's sacrifices are accepted (v25), and salvation comes not just to Israelites but to foreigners who have been joined to Israel. Foreigners like a Jebusite, whose land the LORD specifically chose for this sacrifice (v18). A foreigner who received the king of Israel as his own king (v20–21). A foreigner who was willing to give all that he has to the LORD for the LORD's cause (v22–23a). A foreigner whose hope was in the LORD accepting Israel's mediator (v23b). The LORD's Christ still receives foreigners as subjects and mediates for them as Priest.

Christ gave a sacrifice, at infinite price. He atoned for sin, turned away God's wrath, and is gathering to Himself subjects whom He redeems from all the nations.

What has God paid for your forgiveness? What can you pay for it? But how much should you be willing to give in response to that? What is a specific way you can go about doing that?

Sample prayer: O Lord, truly we have done wickedly, and yet You have chosen us in Christ to be Your sheep. Against Yourself, You have taken the penalty for our sin. Forgive us for when we think we could ever participate in making up for our sin—or when we are unwilling to deny ourselves and offer our bodies as living sacrifices in response to Your mercy. Help us, we pray, to be Christ's glad subjects, which we ask through HIM, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP32AB "What Blessedness" or TPH354 "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

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Second Samuel, 24 versus 17 through 25. These are god's words Then. David spoke to Yahweh when he saw the angel, who was striking the people and said shortly, I have sinned and I have done wickedly but these sheep.

What have they done? Let your hand. I pray be against me and against my father's house and Gad came that day to David and said to him go up erect and alter to Yahweh on the threshing floor of our luna. The Jebusite So David, according to the Word of God went up as Yaw Lake manded.

Now, our own looked and saw the king and his servants coming toward him. So our own went out and bowed

down before the king with his face to the ground than our owner said. Why has my Lord? The king come to his servant and David said to buy the threshing floor from you to build an altar to Yahweh that the plague may be withdrawn from the people.

Now our owner said to David, let my Lord the king, take and offer up whatever seems good Tim Look. Here are the oxen fragrant sacrifice and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood all these. Okay. Our owner has given to the king and our owner said to the king may, y'all know your God, accept you, then the king said to Aruna, No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price.

Nor will I offer burnt offerings to y'all who my god, that which cost me nothing with that, which caused me nothing. So, David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for 50 shekels of silver, and David built there and alter to Yahweh and offered, burnt offerings and peace. Offerings.

So y'all lay heated the prayers for the land and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.

So far the reading of gods inspired in inherent word. Three main things for us to see here. One is that God's hand is against Christ for the punishment of all his people's sins. The second is that and offering Christ God has given for us. That, which is more costly, then all things in heaven and earth taken together for all time.

So God has given the costliest thing. One is God's hand is against Christ, for the sake of our sin, an account of our sin is probably a better way to say that God's hand is against Christ on account of our sin. God has given in Christ, God has given the costliest thing.

And lastly, that Christ's sacrifice, the sacrifice of Christ has been accepted in our behalf. So, the first thing is that God's hand is against Christ on account of our sin and this actually comes out in what David doesn't know, but what we do know verse 17, the Lord provokes this interaction with David for David's sake, and especially for hours by allowing David to see the angel of Yahweh who is standing now no longer attacking.

But with this ordinance and David spoke to Yahweh, when he saw the angel who had been striking the people and he said, surely I have sinned, and I have done wickedly, but these sheep. What have they done now? In one part of the answer that is we don't know.

Why don't we know Because God didn't tell a specifically. But the actual answer or the answer to the point that David is making is they have done greatly wickedly so so much. So as to have provoked, the wrath of God that led to their king being given over to the sin in the first place precisely.

So that God could punish them. Remember verse 1 and the anger of Yahweh was aroused against Israel and he moved David against them. Okay. So, David doesn't know it. But this whole thing has been not so much about the wickedness of David. There's been about the wickedness of David's people Israel.

And of course, when it comes to Christ, it could never be about the wickedness of Christ because he has no wickedness of his own. But Christ had to be punished, didn't he? For hours sin. Now, David is a sinful man over a sinful people, and there's federal representation there.

And when David sins, the sin is properly punished on the people. But what this representation, this federal headship that is behind verse 17 does for us, as it reminds us, that it goes the other way. Not only did by the one, the sin of the one man, Adam sin and death.

Come to all who are under Adam, and not only did by the sin of David, in this chapter sin and death. Come to those who are under David, but by the righteous, the righteousness of the one, man. The many are made righteous. So sometimes people look at federal representation which is a reality and a truth and a just thing and they say it's not fair that, you know, Adam could sin and we'd be punished for.

It's not fair. That David could sin and Israel be punished for it. Well, first of all, it is fair because God is the one who determines. What's fair? Second of all, by the same logic, it wouldn't be fair that Christ could sacrifice and that Christ could be righteous that Christ could sacrifice and we be forgiven and that Christ could be righteous.

And we be justified, we be made righteous before God. And so, the prayer that David makes at the end of verse 17, actually comes very much true. Let your and I pray be against me and against my father's house and indeed God's hand was against Christ. Who is from the house of David from the house of Jesse, and it was against him on a count of our sin.

God made him who knew no sin to be sin or us so that we might become. So that we might be the righteousness of God in Him. And so that's the first thing we see here that God's hand has been against Christ on account of us. Second thing, we, we are to see here is that God has given that, which is most costly, which is most costly to a tone for us.

David has made his prayer in verse 17 and God responds with his Word. First and foremost, that's not

a primary thing in the passage. But I think it is important for you to see that that God answers by the math of his prophet. You have completed Bibles as you, pray to the Lord about things in your life and four things.

One of the things that you are to do is search the scriptures, concerning whatever circumstances you are praying about to hear what God says. And then also know that God and his providence, although he does not send prophets with new revelation anymore. He does give you preachers, doesn't he?

And it's in his providence that that particular passage on that Lord's Day morning or that Lord's day evening or that Wednesday night. Or it's in his providence that that passage and what the Holy Spirit has helped the preacher understand and proclaim from the passage as being proclaimed. And I think if you keep that in mind, you will be prepared to recognize that our Lord is often personally meeting you with regard, to things that you are praying about David when God shows up, would have would have or ought to have thought I have cried out to God.

And here his word is with an answer to my prayer and one of the great parts of God's answers to our prayers is often the word by which he addresses us following the prayer. Well let's find out what the answer is and God came that day to David and said to him.

Go up a raked and alter to Yahweh on the threshing floor of our owner. The Jebusite. So we have the interaction between David and Naruto the W Site but notice David had said, let your hand be against me and my father's house and not against the people that had been his request.

And now as he engages our own and he finds a guy who even though he's not in Israelite, he's a, he's a Jebusite, but he is willing for everything. He has to be lost selling the threshing floor in the middle of the threshing, really messes up, that ears harvest.

And then selling the oxen that would be used for plowing and the yolk that would be put on a new set of oxen for that plowing. If you were somehow to replace the oxen This is an offer from our Luna to sacrifice everything to lose everything but David doesn't want it to cost our owner.

He wants it to cost himself That's all good. And well, when it comes to this particular sacrifice that looks forward to Christ, but we have to see that we are not able to be the ones who are the losers when we come to God through the Lord Jesus. God is the one who gives everything When you come to God, for the forgiveness of sins.

You do not come offering things of your own, like, our owner wanted to. It is the one who is making the sacrifice the Lord God, the Lord Jesus Christ, who pays the cost, and that's a big part of what's behind the 50 shekelaim here. Now there's some, you know, we're gonna make application to ourselves in a moment about it, but one of the things that we have to do from the moment that God says about David, before we even meet him, that he has seen for himself among the sons of Jesse a man who is after his own heart.

Everything. Good. And right, that David does we are to see in it. A picture of what Jesus would be like, only Jesus would be perfectly what David was imperfectly. And so that's the primary thing here to see that we cannot offer for our own atonement. God pays the price for our autovent, and it's not 50.

Secoline not 56 limit. As you know, it's it's not what effort on the Hittite squeezed out of Abraham when he had a blank check right for 100 seconds of silver. What is that between friends? But it is, it is a high price, but it's nothing compared to the second person of the Trinity, Trinity, being humiliated to add creatureliness to himself to become.

Now not only fully God but also fully man and being humbled himself to take the form of a bondsman and being found and appearance as a man, he humbled himself even unto death and that of the cross. Yeah. If there were a million universes, they would not all taken together to be worth one drop of the human blood of the Lord Jesus Christ because it is as Acts.

20 tells us the very blood of God for. He is a divine person even as he acts according to his fully human nature. So when you see David insisting on the price here, One of the things you need to remember, is that what the Holy Spirit is? Reminding us is that our God has insisted on paying himself as the price for us.

That's just marvelous. Of course, the the other part of the application, the way David's application or David's action applies to us, is that we who have been bought at such a price belong, the entirely to the Lord, and you want to come with all that you are and yes in worship.

You know, this is one of the reasons why, you know, on a Saturday evening, even if there's something very fun or what a horrible word and not the measure of anything, God have mercy on us. Very fun but very worthwhile or a very meaningful. You say I have been redeemed, especially for the public worship of God.

All right. We're purchased by his blood to be a royal priesthood and a temple. Those are public works

of things. And the most important thing we do in life is the public worship of God, so we'd cut it off early on, on Saturday evening. And we order our actions and, and our thoughts and hearts, and the Lord's day.

So, as best to participate in the public worship of God and even when we recognize with children for instance that there's a certain need to get the wiggles out and burn up some of that that extra hyperactivity we want to help them to keep mindful of the Lord, as much more important that their mind and heart to be ready for the public worship than their body.

Be ready for the public courtship. So we don't use it as an excuse to run old and play games or to run wild with them which reinforces them in not being ready for the public worship. When God has purchased us by the blood of Christ, we want to offer up ourselves as much as possible, as well as possible.

Sing with all our hearts, even if that piano is blasting away. We try to blast over it and make it obsolete. No need for it. And you know, the Lord have mercy on those who are competing with an organ or a speaker system of any kind. But and then you take how you have offered yourself in the public worship in that moment, where you have, you're coming through the sacrifice of the Lord, Jesus with the holy assembly, and God having given everything.

And we responding with everything as most clear and most intense for us and you say in the view of God's mercies, I all day, every day should be offering my body as a living, sacrifice to God. And then when your mom gives you instruction, you don't talk back with the reason why you think you were justified in continuing, whatever else it was.

You were doing a refusing to do what she does what you say. I'm a living sacrifice to Jesus. I've been purchased with the at the infinite cost of his blood and now what he wants me to do is playing because mom said, so he says honor your mother and obey your parents in the Lord or when a sibling says or does something you don't justify repaying evil with evil or justify yourself in the harshness and how you correct them and you commit the ironic sin of doing wickedly in righteous indignation and you got to put righteous fear quotes at that point.

Even if it started out as righteous indignation and so many more things, those are just places where it especially connects to us. We become living sacrifices. We offer to the God. It has bought us at the price of everything that he is, we offer to him everything that we are, Knowing that it is an infinitesimally smaller repayment.

Not thinking that there's a toning value but there is responding value. Love of him, Jesus often connected His going and suffering and dying and rising again to those who come after him, taking up their cross and leaving everything else behind them and following him, It is how we are to respond.

So in the first place in the first place, God's hand was against Christ on our account. And the second place, God has atoned for us act. Infinite cost in Jesus Christ. And then in the third place, God has heeded it the sacrifice of Christ. He blesses us for the sake of Christ, That's our Luna's.

Hope He does not have a right except by God's mercy in generosity to the sacrifice. But he's still under the king, Aruna said to the king and he's been calling him. My Lord, the king verse 21, my lord, the king verse 22, and our own assessed to the king may Yahwe your God accept you, because his hope is in the federal head that the Lord has placed over him.

And the sacrifice that is being offered by someone, who is his representative before God. And that's our hope that the Lord would accept Christ, and indeed, and the sacrifice of Christ and indeed, the Lord did David built an alter to Yahwe and offered burnt offerings, and peace. Offerings verse 25.

So you always heeded the prayers for the land and the plague was withdrawn from Israel when God listens to our prayers. It is for the sake of the sacrifice of Jesus because he has accepted the Lord Jesus and the Lord, Jesus is sacrifice. He said right before he went to his cross.

This is my beloved Son with whom I am. Well pleased. And then Romans 4 comes and tells us towards the end of the chapter, He was raised on a count of our justification and he was declared Romans 1, tells us what's beginning in the chapter. He was declared to be the Son of God with power by his resurrection.

From the dead, God shows his approval and acceptance of the full payment of Christ's sacrifice in the resurrection and heeds, our prayers for the sake of the Lord, Jesus. Who is consecrated even that which we offer imperfectly, you know, once every six weeks or so our concluding prayer, this is just one of them in that section once every six weeks or so.

I'm concluding prayer at the prayer meeting that the blood of the sacrifice has consecrated even for the holy things of Israel. And that's what the Lord Jesus has done. We are accepted for his sake and therefore how perfect and complete is that acceptance and how confident we can be as we come to God through him.

Let's pray.

And bless your name. O, God, that you have given Christ to be the last Adam, and that you have made him our representative and that your hand was against him on the count of our sin. That it pleased you to bruise him for our sake. So that by his stripes we might be healed and we bless your name that you have given him for our sin was against you and against your glory.

We did not acknowledge you as God or give. Thanks. But suppressed the truth and unrighteousness, and we have lived, four and delighted in and depended on The creature rather than you the creator who are blessed forever. Amen. And we have fallen short of the glory of God and so you exhibited him as a propitiation.

So, with our sin bigger than all, that has been created. You have given yourself who are more valuable who are more costly than all that has been created. And we bless your name that this has been accepted in our behalf and that in Christ, we have peace with you that in Christ.

We are righteous by faith. And in Christ, there is no condemnation for us. And in Christ, there is love from which nothing can separate us. And so we praise you that you have accepted him and that in him, you've accepted us and we ask that you would make our hearts to rest upon this and rejoice in this to rest upon him and rejoice in him to rest upon you.

Our God and rejoice in you by the help of your spirit upon whose gracious work, we depend moment by moment. Let me ask all these things in Jesus name. Amen.