

In Whom Do You Trust?

As We Turn to 1 Chronicles 21, You Should Know That . . .

The story of David in 2 Samuel is more of a _____ story.

-- Amnon, Tamar, Absalom --

-- David flees Jerusalem --

-- Absalom dies and David mourns his personal losses

-- More _____, battles, death and _____.

And David is _____ in his _____ age.

The Sin and Confrontation (1 Chron. 21:1-7)

David was in a spiritual _____ to _____ to temptation.

This temptation involved the sin of _____.

(Remember Satan's temptations of Jesus?)

1John 2:16 For everything in the world — the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does — comes not from the Father but from the world.

Counting the _____ of Israelites, particular fighting men, was a way to show that David trusted more in _____ than in _____.

Psa. 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Even though a friend encouraged him to _____ this command, David sinned. This reminds us that each person is ultimately responsible for his _____ sin.

This act of David was repulsive to _____ and to _____.

Joab should have _____ David on this one!

God punished _____ of Israel for David's sin.

1Chr. 21:7 This command was also evil in the sight of God; so he punished Israel.

The Confession (1 Chron. 21:8-13)

David realized the _____ of his sin much too late and he _____ with God to remove his guilt.

God allowed David to _____ his consequences:

1. Three years of _____.
2. Three months of being defeated by _____.
3. Three days of the “_____ of the Lord.”

David _____ to choose one of these but he asked that the second option be eliminated because at least _____ shows _____.

The Consequences (1 Chron. 21:14-17)

A _____ caused 70,000 men to _____. *Why innocent people?*

God sent an angel to _____ His city but then _____.

The angel stood _____ the city of Jerusalem.

David and the leaders _____ and pleaded for mercy. David asked that he and his family _____ face the consequences of his sin. “*What have these people done to deserve this?*”

The Commitment and Continuation (1 Chron. 21:18-30)

David was told to _____ to the “threshing floor” and build an _____.

Ornan (Araunah) and his sons were threshing _____ when the angel appeared and the four sons were _____, so they hid.

Ornan, probably out of fear and _____, offered the property to David at _____ cost.

David said that he wanted to pay _____ price because there must be a “cost or price” involved when _____ the Lord.

The Lord _____ the fire on the altar and _____ David's sacrifice. So the angel put his sword of punishment in its _____.

David could not go to the tabernacle in Gibeah because he _____ the angel of the Lord.

Because of this _____, David determined that the Temple of God and the Altar of God should be _____ on this site.

1Chr. 22:1 Then David said, “The house of the LORD God is to be here, and also the altar of burnt offering for Israel.”

Lessons

1. Do you place your trust _____ in the Lord? Are you trusting in anything else _____ the Lord?
2. Do you have a _____ (a Joab) in your life who will ask you the _____ questions?
3. Are you willing to “_____ the _____” to honor the Lord?

