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**2 Samuel 24:10-25**

*The Wrath-Ending Mercy of God*

**INTRO**

**I. DAVID’S SIN (2 Samuel 24:10).**

 A. David’s conviction (2 Samuel 24:10).

 B. David’s confession (2 Samuel 24:10).

 1) personal -

 2) humble -

 3) aimed at forgiveness.

**II. GOD’S JUDGMENT (2 Samuel 24:11-15).**

 A. David’s options (2 Samuel 24:12-13).

 1) 7 years of famine in your land (NIV - three)

 2) 3 months of fleeing before your foes

 3) 3 days’ pestilence in your land

 B. David’s choice (2 Samuel 24:14).

 David chose based on the principle: Prov. 27:6 “Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.”

 C. God’s choice (2 Samuel 24:15).

 1) Pestilence came and 70,000 fell through out the land. Note how the judgment answered to David’s sin of pride in numbering the people by reducing the number.

 2) We see here how holy God is, how He hates sin. We should hate sin too. *Psa. 119:128 Therefore I esteem right all Thy precepts concerning everything, I hate every false way.*

**III. GOD’S MERCY (2 Samuel 24:16-25).**

 A. Stops the angel (2 Samuel 24:16).

 The mercy of God stopped the angel when he was at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

 B. Listens to David (2 Samuel 24:17). This maybe very well be a flashback and give the reason for God stopping the angel in 2 Samuel 24:16.

David attempts to divert God’s wrath away from the people to himself saying, *“Behold, it is I who have sinned and it is I who have done wrong; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me and against my father’s house.”*

 David may have been a sinner, but he was a noble sinner.

 Never forget thatour God listens to our prayers.

 C. Provides an altar for atonement (2 Samuel 24:18-25).

 1) The price of the altar (2 Samuel 24:21-24).

2) The atonement of the altar (2 Samuel 24:25).

 David builds an altar there and offers burnt offerings and peace offerings and the Lord was moved by prayer for the land and the plague was held back from Israel.

1Chr. 21:26-27 Then David built an altar to the LORD there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And he called to the LORD and He answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering. And the LORD commanded the angel, and he put his sword back in its sheath.

 a) The place of atonement.

 God has His favorite places for making atonement.

 *2 Chr. 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount* ***Moriah****, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.*

 b) The blessing of atonement.

**CONCLUSION**