

The Lamp of Israel

2 Samuel 21

David Atones for Saul's Sin Against the Gibeonites

21:1-14

- A three-year _____ prompts David to seek God on behalf of his people.
- David, as the spiritual lamp of Israel, must make amends for Israel's bloodguilt.
- Seven descendants pay for Saul's sin with their lives because the shedding of blood is required for the forgiveness of sin.
- When the bodies are left exposed, Rizpah keeps vigil and protects them from further desecration for months.
- Rizpah's commitment to give the men a proper _____ prompts David to give Saul and Jonathan honorable burials as well.
- God removes His hand of judgment from Israel, sends the rains and ends the famine.

Remember God takes sin seriously.

Be serious about a life of obedience and gratitude, knowing Jesus paid for our sins with His life.

David's Men Win Four Battles Against the Philistines

21:15-22

- When David grows _____ in battle, Abishai comes to his rescue and kills the enemy.
- David's men wisely counsel him to end his military career as they recognize his great value to the nation.
- David listens to his men and will no longer fight alongside them.
- As the lamp of Israel, David has been their political, military, and spiritual guide throughout his reign.
- David's example has encouraged his men to grow in their own faith and courage.
- David's men fight and defeat the Philistine giants four times.

Remember God is faithful to act on behalf of His people.

Be serious about a life of faith and obedience, knowing this encourages others to be faithful as well.

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NUMBERS 30:2 “If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.”

MATTHEW 5:37 “Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

1 SAMUEL 12:24 “Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.”

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

1 SAMUEL 17:24 All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were much afraid.

1 SAMUEL 17:37a And David said, “The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

PSALM 18:39, 46 For you equipped me with strength for the battle; you made those who rise against me sink under me ... The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.