



Blood-Stained House
58th in the "Samuel" Series
2 Samuel 21
September 22, 2024
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Introduction:

In this text, God reveals the deep consequences of sin and the necessity of atonement.

- 1) The Bible makes clear that God will judge his people for their sins (v. 1).
- 2) Christians have a responsibility to pursue repentance and atonement with others as an aspect of their right relationship with God (vv. 2-14).
- 3) Note the gospel irony: Israel has to protect its king from death, but the true King, Jesus, died in order to protect and provide atonement for us (vv. 15-22).

*Romans 3:23-25: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of **atonement**, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.*

Response:

Lord, help us "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8).

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.

- 1) We commonly think about the personal consequences of sin, but what are the corporate consequences of sin – the consequences experienced by many people or even an entire nation?
- 2) According to vv. 1, the Lord did not remove a three-year famine in Israel on account of a sin committed by Saul years previous against the Gibeonites. What is your response to this? Do you think it is fair or right for God to hold a later generation responsible for a former generation's sins?
- 3) How would a people group or nation know if they were experiencing the judgment of God for an unatoned sin, and could this ever happen or even be happening now in America?
- 4) Read Psalm 34:12-16, 1 Peter 3:7-9, and James 4:3. How do these verses help explain the ways a Christian could be under God's discipline because of sin in their lives?
- 5) How might this text help you take your sin (personal or corporate) more seriously, and maybe even help you check your own actions and behaviors in a more serious way?
- 6) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: Leviticus 17:11 (Mon); 1 John 2:2 (Tues); Hebrews 9:22 (Wed); Isaiah 53:5 (Thurs); Revelation 5:9 (Fri).