

Smokin Roastin Toastin recap

Nones & Dones Slide

Freedom & Exclusivity

Moment of Silence

Been reading Bullies & Saints (think a lot about the way people are remembered after their deaths and the messages they choose to send to those left behind)

3rd century Roman catacombs- Vitalis

**"From Jokes I gained a handsome house and income.
O death, you do not appreciate jokes."**

Pennsylvania

**Here lies Ellen Shannon
Who was fatally burned
by the explosion of a lamp
filled with "R.E. Danforth's
Non-Explosive Burning Fluid"**

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York
Born 1903 – Died 1942

**Looked up the elevator shaft to see if
the car was on the way down.
It was.**

In a Georgia cemetery-
"I told you I was sick!"

2 Samuel 22- is the tombstone of the entire book of Samuel)1-2)

Starts with Hannah's Song Ends' with Davids song

Hannah's song-

1 Sam 2:1 & 10

**My heart rejoices in the Lord;
my horn is lifted up by the Lord.
My mouth boasts over my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.**

**10 Those who oppose the Lord will be shattered;
he will thunder in the heavens against them.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth.
He will give power to his king;
he will lift up the horn of his anointed**

David's song is going to sound a lot like this.

Rejoicing, Horns, Boasts, Dogging his enemies, salvation...judgment and the most important- this King.

Hannah's song is like a **birth announcement**- it says "The King is coming"

David's song is more like an **epitaph on a tombstone**.

At the end of his life- he puts on his tombstone- "The King was Here...Kind of."

Title Slide- "The King was Here...Kind Of: How David's Thanksgiving Song is about Christmas"- 2 Samuel 22

David's song- which is like a tombstone for his life- ends up being the birth announcement for a better king.

Its that "kind of" that we're gonna get into today in 2 Samuel 22

3 mysteries in this text (God-

Why does David seem to be happy about his weakness?

Why does David say he is a good person, when clearly we know he's not?

Why does David get so angry & violent about his enemies, especially if we're supposed to love our enemies?

1) If dependence is the goal, weakness is an advantage.

22:2-4

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,

3 my God, my rock where I seek refuge.

**My shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold, my refuge,
and my Savior, you save me from violence.**

**4 I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise,
and I was saved from my enemies**

Young shepherd boy facing animals

Youngest of 7 brothers anointed king. Nobody believed in him...

Facing Goliath with courage

Saul trying to kill him

David reflects on his weak moments

22:5-7

**5 For the waves of death engulfed me;
the torrents of destruction terrified me.**

**6 The ropes of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.**

**7 I called to the Lord in my distress;
I called to my God.**

**From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry for help reached his ears.**

David literally facing death.

Doesn't get any weaker than facing death

17-20

**17 He reached down from on high
and took hold of me;**

he pulled me out of deep water.

**18 He rescued me from my powerful enemy
and from those who hated me,
for they were too strong for me.**

**19 They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
but the Lord was my support.**

**20 He brought me out to a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me.**

Goal is dependence- relationship.

Delighted in me.

That will only happen in weakness.

John 15:5

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me

Nectar- Get your power, strength, ability

2 Cor 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness."

Suffering- Thorn in the flesh

Greater the weakness- greater chance for God to show his power

2) When God saves you, he makes you new.

v 21-25

**21 The Lord rewarded me
according to my righteousness;
he repaid me
according to the cleanness of my hands.
22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord
and have not turned from my God to wickedness.
23 Indeed, I let all his ordinances guide me
and have not disregarded his statutes.
24 I was blameless before him
and kept myself from my iniquity.
25 So the Lord repaid me
according to my righteousness,
according to my cleanness in his sight.**

What deal brag? Not supposed to be boastful.

At this point- David is a mixed bag of good and evil
Great promise as a king-

BUT

Bathsheba

Uriah

Tamar & Absalom- absent disengaged father

No courage to remove Joab- abusive and murderous leader

1st- What this is NOT.

Hagiography

Funeral of abuser

hard for abuse victims to hear nice things about their abuser

2 things going on here.

Psalm 103:8 & 10

**8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in faithful love.**

**10 He has not dealt with us as our sins deserve
or repaid us according to our iniquities.**

2 Samuel 22:25

**25 So the Lord repaid me
according to my righteousness,
according to my cleanness in his sight.**

Here's a typical problem with today's Xians- we think a lot about what we're saved FROM...and not a lot about what we're saved TO BE.

**God doesn't just save us FROM our sin.
He saves us FOR good works.**

First part of song- is about what God SAVED DAVID FROM
Second part of Song- about what GOD SAVED DAVID FOR.

David had faith that God would not count his sins AGAINST HIM- True forgiveness.
While he also recognized that God would restore and do something better with his life.

Ephesians 2:8-10

**For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is
God's gift — 9 not from works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are his
workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead
of time for us to do.**

This is what Christ does for us. When you trust that Jesus died to remove you from
your sins...it doesn't stop there. And nothing you do makes God love you more.

Yet- still- you become a part of God's new creation- reborn FOR something.

ILLUS

God as Father- you as a parent-

What your kids do well doesn't make you love them more as a parent...but show you they are living into their identity. You certainly don't ignore it.

Doesn't this give you hope?

No matter what you've done- there is way that your tombstone can read "Blameless and Clean in God's sight" "Remembered for his righteousness"

2 Sam 22:20 & 22

he rescues you BECAUSE he delights in you...not because of something you did first. Its not the rescues thats the reward. The whole point of the rescue was that you were weak and could not do for yourself.

The response to that is Keeping his ways...realizing that sin tastes good up front...but has a bitter aftertaste and then makes you sick.

ILLUS:

Righteousness is a mature, acquired taste. Its often bitter on the front end- like wine or coffee...but man it finishes so nice.

SECOND THING GOING ON.

ILLUS:

Any body already start decorating for Xmas right after halloween?

Thats what is going on here

Even though this is a song of Thanksgiving...it really turns out to be about Xmas.

TEACH ABOUT the BIG STORY IN SCRIPTURE

(Mystery from first page- how saved from their sin?)

Preface to the book of Psalms

Psalms 1

**How happy is the one who does not
walk in the advice of the wicked
or stand in the pathway with sinners
or sit in the company of mockers!**

**2 Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction,
and he meditates on it day and night.**

**3 He is like a tree planted beside flowing streams
that bears its fruit in its season
and its leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.**

On one hand- this is good advice.

On the other hand- who does this?

Mediates on the Law of the Lord day and night.
Whatever he does prospers?

This can only really be one man.

Jesus.

Go back to the bookends (on screen same time)

1 Sam 2:10b(Start at “He will give power”

&

2 Sam 22:3 (Bold “Horn of salvation” in both)

Tell John the Baptist & Zech story

Luke 1:68-69

68 Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel,

because he has visited

and provided redemption for his people.

69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us

in the house of his servant David,

Jesus is the “solve” to the David’s mystery. He’s the way God Saves and Remakes us.

The greatest mystery of all- explains the last part.

3) God’s Love cannot be separated from his Justice.

2 Samuel 22:32-43

32 For who is God besides the Lord?

And who is a rock? Only our God.

**33 God is my strong refuge;
he makes my way perfect.**

**34 He makes my feet like the feet of a deer
and sets me securely on the heights.**

**35 He trains my hands for war;
my arms can bend a bow of bronze.**

**36 You have given me the shield of your salvation;
your help exalts me.**

**37 You make a spacious place beneath me for my steps,
and my ankles do not give way.**

**38 I pursue my enemies and destroy them;
I do not turn back until they are wiped out.**

**39 I wipe them out and crush them,
and they do not rise;
they fall beneath my feet.**

**40 You have clothed me with strength for battle;
you subdue my adversaries beneath me.**

**41 You have made my enemies retreat before me;
I annihilate those who hate me.**

**42 They look, but there is no one to save them —
they look to the Lord, but he does not answer them.**

**43 I pulverize them like dust of the earth;
I crush them and trample them like mud in the streets.**

What happened to Jesus' command in the NT to Love our enemies and pray for those who persecute you?

Remember- 2 levels going on at the same time

1- David writing about what happened to him- people threatened and God strengthened and he overcame.

2- Something Deeper.

God must repay evil. It is absolutely necessary.

This is a statement of Justice.

Miroslav Volf- Serbian Croation war early 90s

It takes a lot of privilege and comfort and safety to be angry at God for his justice.

Other cultures prize God's justice- their weakness is apparent to them.

"The practice of non-violence requires a belief in divine vengeance." -Miroslav Volf

The only way to love our enemies- is to know that no one gets away with anything.

You are either transformed- and all your sin is on Christ...or you receive what you deserve for your unrighteousness. And no amount of good deeds can make up for it.

John 11:33 & 38

Deeply Moved Snort like a bull. HORNS OF SALVATION
ANGRY!

Jesus responds by resurrecting Lazarus- and from that puts a target on himself.

the great exchange.

Justice on Jesus- God's love on you!

Transforms!

BELIEVE AND BE BAPTIZED

2 Samuel 22:51

You become a family member of the BETTER KING