

1 - 2 SAMUEL: EPILOGUE

The Essential David **2 Samuel 24**

1. What is the worst thing you have ever said or done that you immediately realized was a huge mistake? How did it turn out?
2. We have talked a lot about the consequences of sin. Have you ever had to choose your own consequences? How did it turn out? Did you make the right choice?
3. We are not told why David wanted to take the census. What do you think was the reason? What does your answer say about who lies behind evil acts (see James 1.13-15)?
4. Why is David so conscience-stricken after taking the census? If the Lord allowed David to do it, then why the subsequent punishment?
5. How do you handle it when you do not understand God or why God has done something? Do you have a general negative perception of the wrath of God? Why?
6. When and where and why is David commanded to build an altar? What is significant about that place (2 Chron 3.1)? What is significant about God's command following David's prayer?
7. How does this passage once again transition the story toward David's failure as king? Why is it once again important to recognize that David is not the perfect king?
8. In what ways do you think God's wrath and God's mercy relate to each other? How is Jesus a picture of both?
9. How does this passage help you understand God? How does it exalt Jesus?