

Kings and Priests 6

Revelation 1:5,6 NKJV "... from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **6** and **has made us kings and priests** to His God and Father..."

God's wisdom is found in his word.

It is God who has made us, and he wants us to have the best life we can live.
The Devil works against us and wants us to have the worse life.

You are not here by chance or by accident...

You are alive now because God knew you could flourish in this present time. You were placed in this present culture you by divine intention.

He has a **Kingdom Purpose** in this present world especially for you.

Stop living just to survive. You are not just a survivor, you are a Kingdom Builder

Finding this Purpose and walking in this purpose is the key to a successful life.

Mt 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you"

Seek out the un-ruled areas of your life and let King Jesus reign there.

Walk in right alignment with the wishes of King Jesus and He will add every needful thing to your life.

Nothing satisfies a soul like being in proper of alignment with God and your God given Purpose.

Mt 5:6 ESV "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

THE PLEASING PURPOSE OF GOD

King David – powerful King with a Priestly Heart

What happens when kings lose their Focus? or when kings refuse to fight?

What happens when a priest abandons the presence of God? When they stop seeking God's face?

2 Sam 11:1 NKJV It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

David's Sin

- David stayed at home when he should have been leading.
- Saw a woman, the wife of Uriah bathing.

- Slept with her - Got her pregnant
- Tried to cover it up by trying to get her husband to sleep with her.
 - He wouldn't because he sought no pleasure when his companions were suffering in battle.
- He then had him put on the front lines of the battle when the fighting got the toughest so he would be killed.

This sin set so much pain in motion for David and his spiritual life, his political life and his family life.

Where did David go wrong? What Happened?

On the day when Kings go to battle David:

1) David Forgot Why He Was Born.

- a) David Lost His Focus.
- b) We are not **DO NOTHING PEOPLE**

We were made to use our resources for the King and His Kingdom.

Be careful when you unplug to take you're at ease... a little rest from the work of God can turn into an unproductive spiritual life.

It is easy to disconnect and become distant.

2) He neglected the Pleasing Purpose of God.

- a) I don't get impression that David was a sexual pervert; that this was a way of life for him. But there is evidence that he made some mistakes in understanding satisfaction in this area of his life.

HE CAVED IN TO THE POLITICAL PATTERNS OF HIS DAY – kings would marry to form alliances

2 Samuel 5:13 After he left Hebron, David took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem, and more sons and daughters were born to him.

- b) When you no longer take pleasure in the purpose of God you become open to destructive influences.

i) There is a **Pleasing Purpose of God** in:

- (1) Your Marriage
- (2) Your Job
- (3) Your Interest

3) He abandoned the Presence of God.

- a) 2 Sam 11:11 gives us a little hint as to what was going on spiritually. It tells us that the Ark of God's Presence was with on the battlefield with the Army.
- b) The ark was such a big deal to him because it represented God's presence. He should have been wherever God's presence was.

God created us to have dominion over sin and to not be dominated by it!

Romans 6:11,12

The Road To Recovery

Psalm 51:10-13 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation...

Praying for Restoration

1) Create in me a clean heart.

1 John 1:8,9 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2) Renew a right spirit in me.

a) A right spirit is one that seeks right alignment.

b) I shared a blog post from my pastor on how to overcome grief. In the blog post step #4 was “stay down in your spirit”

3) Cast me not away from your presence.

a) Adam and Eve were driven away from the presence of God and they lost dominion over their own life and they lost dominion on the earth.

b) David knew what cost him the most by his sin was his unveiled intimacy with God.

c) Un-repentant sin hinders our intimacy with God.

But through Jesus our sin was dealt with and as a result we have been brought near.

Eph 2:13 now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

4) Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

a) Have you lost your joy? Don't think you will ever deserve it back? You've don't too many bad things? Your family is just a mess and you blame yourself?

b) Think about David, he was an adulterer and acting as a murderer to cover up his sin. He failed as a father, his family was a mess.

But God restored his joy when he came back to his calling.

Lost Joy is devastating the church of Jesus! We have to learn how to receive our forgiveness like children of God and delight in being right with the father.