



## Class 11- 11.7.18

### Reading:

Day 1 - Psalms 18  
2 Sam. 1-5

Day 2 - Psalms 122, 124  
2 Sam. 6-12  
1 Sam. 7:1 & 1 Chron. 17-18

Day 3 - Psalms 3, 125, 128  
2 Sam. 13-18

Day 4 - Psalm 129  
2 Sam. 19-24

Day 5 - Psalm 130  
Re-watch The Covenants  
<https://youtu.be/8ferLlsvlml>

### Reflection:

The story of David's humble origin is great. We all find excitement and hope in cheering on the underdog! He was a ruler who wasn't exalted over Israel by human expectations or standards. Rather, he was elevated by God's own grace and creativity. I know none of us are royalty (I don't think), but put yourself in David's shoes? Have you ever been chosen over the "more qualified"? Have you ever been overlooked because you didn't elevate yourself? Read these verses and let them encourage your heart and take David's example to heart. Read Matthew 23:12, Proverbs 29:23, James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:6

Unrepentant sin generally leads us to more sin. We see this certainly in David's sin with Bathsheba. Look closely at 2 Samuel 11:1. What error in judgement did David make that made the rest of his sins possible? He sinned by lusting and then acting on his lust for a woman that was not his wife (but was another man's wife). Instead of confession and repentance, what does David do in 11:6 – 17? Have you ever tried to cover up your sin instead of repent? How about a time when you sinned and repented right away? What were the differences between the two?

Read 2 Samuel 12:1-12. David doesn't recognize the clear way that Nathan's story is about him. What do you think of this disconnect David is exhibiting? Do you think people tend to disassociate themselves from their bad actions? Why? How is your self-awareness? We are better followers of Christ, better wives, better mothers, better daughters and better friends when we are self-aware. Ask God to show you where you lack in this area.

Read 2 Samuel 12:13-15 and Psalm 51. What does it mean to be forgiven by God in this story? Does forgiveness mean we escape the consequences of our actions? If we do, how so? If we do not, what does forgiveness even mean?

Can you think of a time when you sinned or missed the goal by not loving God and others? I know we all can, but try to think of it in the terms that the video described. Did you deceive yourself into thinking you were doing good? What did you learn about the definition of sin?

## Extra Credit:

Meditate or even memorize Psalm 51

Here is the rest of what I wanted to say about the Temple Mount in class, but didn't for time's sake.

After the destruction of the temple in 70AD, the Roman Empire was fading, Mohammed and his teaching of Islam was rising in the Middle East. According to the Quran (Surah 17:1), Mohammed made a miraculous night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem in AD 621. There he led worship at "the farthest mosque," was lifted to heaven, and returned to earth to carry on his teachings. At that time there was no mosque in Jerusalem, but 15 years later, Caliph Umar built a small mosque to commemorate the prophet's night visit. The Al Aqsa Mosque ("the farthest mosque") was built in AD 705, then rebuilt in 754, 780, and 1035. [The Dome of the Rock](#) was built in AD 692 over the place where Mohammad supposedly ascended to heaven. This rock is also identified by Christians and Jews as the place where Abraham offered Isaac and the location of the Holy of Holies in the Jewish temple. During the Crusades, Christians took temporary control of the Temple Mount, and the Al Aqsa Mosque was used as a palace and church in 1099.

After World War II, on May 14, 1948, Israel once again became an independent state, and President Truman duly recognized Israel's restored status as a national homeland for the Jewish people. On December 5, 1949, Israel declared Jerusalem to be its "eternal and sacred" capital. Unfortunately, other nations have been slow in facing the reality of Israel's independence and its right to choose its own capital.

Many Jews are making preparations for the Third Temple to be built on the site, and Christians also look with interest on those preparations. According to the prophecy of [Daniel 9:27](#), it appears that there will be another temple built, for there will be sacrifices that are stopped by the Antichrist. Since the other parts of Daniel's prophecies were fulfilled literally, leading up to Jesus' life and death, we look for this part to be literally fulfilled also.

This would seem to present a problem given the political obstacles that stand in the way: the religious activities on the Temple Mount are currently controlled by the Supreme Muslim Council (the Waqf). Yet nothing can put a wrinkle in God's sovereign plans. Thus, Muslim control of this area simply fulfills the prophecy of [Luke 21:24](#) that "Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

Israel is a sovereign nation, and it has chosen its capital to be Jerusalem. In 1995, the United States Congress passed the Jerusalem Embassy Act, requiring the U.S. embassy to be moved to Jerusalem. However, for over two decades, implementation of that law was delayed by U.S. Presidents. Now the United States has officially recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, a move that accords with thousands of years of history and the wishes of Israel itself.

The rebirth of Israel in 1948 was a vital step in the fulfillment of biblical prophecy. The [dry bones](#) of the prophecy in [Ezekiel 37](#) began coming back together. The recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital is another important step. The stage is being set for other prophecies to be fulfilled. We may not know all the implications that current events have on the prophetic timeline, but we do know that Jerusalem is a special city. It is the only city in the world where God has put His Name ([2 Kings 21:7](#)). As for the temple, the Lord said, "I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there" ([2 Chronicles 7:16](#)). God has promised an everlasting covenant with Jerusalem ([Ezekiel 16:60](#)), and Zion has this promise:

*"Though the mountains be shaken  
and the hills be removed,  
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken  
nor my covenant of peace be removed,'  
says the Lord, who has compassion on you" ([Isaiah 54:10](#)).*

At His second coming, Jesus will descend to the Mount of Olives, just outside of Jerusalem ([Zechariah 14:4](#)). Jerusalem will be the seat of authority in Jesus' kingdom, and judgment will be meted out from Zion ([Micah 4:7](#); [Isaiah 33:5](#); [Psalm 110](#)). With every passing day, we are closer to the Lord's fulfillment of His promises concerning Jerusalem and His reign of true justice and peace ([Isaiah 9:7](#)).

During the Millennial Kingdom, the Lord Jesus Christ will reign over the earth from Zion, and the nations will come to Jerusalem for instruction and blessing ([Isaiah 2:2-4](#); [35:10](#); [Psalm 102:20-22](#); [Revelation 20](#)).