

UNDESERVED FORGIVENESS

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C.S. Lewis: “Forgiveness is a beautiful word until you have something to forgive.”

Ps.51:

Introduction:

I am so blessed that I was not the one that handled the preachment last week – “**An Abject Sinner**”. I guess your speaker last week – David White – another David - must have been a great prosecutor (probably a Crown Counsel) who had to drive home the need for David to be convicted of his heinous sins. He was probably very sympathetic to David; but undeniably his sins cannot be covered in a hurry. I think I can list the charges very quickly and you can find them in 2 Kings 11:

1. Laziness or idleness - failing to go to battle when Kings were supposed to be in battle.
2. He was doing exactly what he should not have been doing by walking around upon the roof. I really don't know what business the King had roaming about the roof.

3. He saw the beautiful woman washing herself and he kept looking.
4. He went ahead to conspire with other idle men about woman and he identified who she was.
5. The woman was then brought to the palace probably against her wish, thereby attracting another charge of abuse of office.
6. He committed adultery with the woman.
7. David later thought about how to conceal his sin of adultery by inviting the husband home from the battle field in order to make him sleep with his wife.
8. He conspired with some of his officials to commit murder of the man.
9. He then arranged for the gruesome murder of the Uriah.
10. He took the woman into his home and married her not according to the Jewish custom.

ANALYSIS: DAVID AND HIS ATTITUDE TO HIS SINS

Viewed, therefore, from the gravity of the offence committed by David, one would agree that he probably did not deserve the pardon that he later got.

Looking at Ps. 51 David recognized his sins and he brought them out vividly and he appreciated the magnitude of his evil conception before the Lord.

Read Ps. 51.

What can we conclude from this episode:

1. Every sin can receive a pardon as long as those sins are confessed.

(a) Prov. 28: 13: He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whosoever confesses and forsake them shall have mercy.

(b) Job 31: 33: *If I cover my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom.*

©**Psalm 32:3** *When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long.*

(d) **Psalm 32:5** *I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.*

(e) **1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

2. **David understood clearly that his sins as grievous as they were, was committed against men but in the first instance, primarily against God and he sought the Lord earnestly for forgiveness.**

3. David was true to Himself and also revealed his depraved nature to the Lord and asked for redemption.

4. Although he obtained the pardon; but he was punished with the death of the child and the subsequent evil that came upon his family.

5. We have all received undeserved pardon in all our lives but we should not continue in our foolish ways: Ps. 85:8.

- Forgiveness restores the believer to the place of maximum blessing from God.
- It restores the purity and joy of fellowship with God.

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