

Dead in Our Rebellion
2 Kings 17:1-23, Pew Bible p. 323-324
March 3, 2024

I. Read and Observe the Passage (2 Kings 17:1-23)

- A. 2 Kings 17:1-6 describes what happened to Israel.
- B. 2 Kings 17:7-23 describes why it happened to Israel.

II. Interpret the Text

- A. Sin is a personal affront to our holy God, and it ALWAYS has severe consequences.
- B. Sin can never be HIDDEN from our God.
- C. God will DISCIPLINE His children.
- D. Mankind struggles with PERSISTENT sin.

III. Action Plan to Stop the Cycle of Persistent Sin

- A. Recognize that we live in a BROKEN world and we ourselves are a BROKEN people.
- B. Recognize that our SINFUL NATURE is attracted to the darkness of sin.
- C. Experiencing God's growing victory over our sin is POSSIBLE, but it will mean a CONSTANT BATTLE.
 - 1. Make sure of your RELATIONSHIP with God.
 - 2. Agree with God that His way is BEST.
 - 3. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE walking in the ways of God.
 - 4. Do not BE CONTROLLED by your feelings.
 - 5. Be ACCOUNTABLE to others who are growing in their faith-walk.
 - 6. Choose to WORSHIP God.
 - 7. Choose to SHARE God with others.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Kings 17:1-23.
2. Sin bears its own consequences. Why is this true? How have you seen this to be true?
3. Why are Christians still attracted to sin?
4. Why does God discipline His children when they sin?
5. Why is it a battle to live a growing Christian life in our world?
6. Why would a person need to make sure that they are indeed a Christian?
7. This battle against persistent sin:
 - a. Is it my battle to get better and better so that God will accept me OR is it my battle to say, “NO!” to my nature, and “YES!” to God’s ways because He has accepted me?
 - b. Why do I need to practice doing life God’s way? Doesn’t God’s way come natural to a Christian?
 - c. What does worship have to do with this battle?
 - d. What does sharing Jesus with others have to do with this battle?
8. Pray for our church members to effectively fight the battle to win over the issue of persistent sin. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00–6:30 pm in Worship Center Room 103.

Church Reading Plan (3/3-3/10)

Read John 18-21

John 10:27-29 (ESV)

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

- PRAYING for those preparing for baptism, that God would protect their new faith.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Sophia W. (husband); Ida S. (granddaughter & her husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); and V. family (Ashley & Jesse)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Dorothy C. (sister's husband & son-in-law); and Gary & Betty B. (her sister)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health); Leon V. (chemo); Jan B. (health); Kelly J. (health); Debbie P. (health); Debbie B. (health); Marge D. (health); Ann C.-W. (pain); Rita H. (health); Laura M. (health); April H.-F. (upcoming treatments); Michelle LaM. (specialist appts, kidney issues); Helene D. (eyes/shoulders); Mimi M. (health); Peggy T. (physical therapy); Sherri O. (upcoming heart surgery); Kathy W. (heart & other health concerns); Ken R. (kidney stone issues & infection); and Jeff S. (serious health issues)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.