

The Curse of Shimei
2 Samuel 16:5-14 & Psalm 38
May 2, 2021

I. The Curse of Shimei (2 Samuel 16:5-14)

A. Summary of Events

1. David is suffering for the consequences of his sins.
2. Shimei claims God is getting back at David for replacing Saul, the previous king.
3. David believes restraining himself from judgment against the heckler left room for God's mercy.

II. The Pain of God's Wrath (Psalm 38:1-10)

A. Being honest with God about your sin allows you to feel the _____ of the offense.

B. Being honest with God about your sin acknowledges your own _____ to make up for it.

III. The Pain of Man's Wrath (V. 11-14)

A. Being honest with God about your sin helps you _____ the wrath of man.

IV. The Peace of God's Mercy (V. 15-21)

A. Being honest with God about your sin leaves _____ for Him to defend you (Micah 7:8-10).

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Samuel 16:5-14 and Psalm 38.
2. Why do you think David thought NOT responding to Shimei could lead to God's mercy on him? What does that tell us about how to handle unfair criticism today?
3. What do the first ten verses in Psalm 38 tell us about the weight of sin? What does it tell us about our need for a Savior? Why?
4. Do other people respond to our sin the way they should? How should we respond when other people are not as just or forgiving as God is? Why?
5. Does confessing sin to God and acknowledging its offense mean you can never ask God for help for problems that are your fault? Why?
6. From the past few chapters of 2 Samuel, it is very clear God still disciplines people He has forgiven. Why does He do this?
7. Pray for each other, that you would all learn to be bold in asking God for mercy, even for things that are your fault. Consider attending tonight's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7 pm!

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Isaiah 61-63

May Memory Verses: Ephesians 3:8-10

Acts 26: 17,18

17 delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you 18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. If you were registered before, you will need to sign up again. The new registration will last through 9/5/21.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

PRAYING for God to use our church to bring lost people to Christ.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- Those struggling with fear, anxiety or employment issues because of COVID
 - Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. (process of returning to Thailand by the end of May)
 - Jules Spencer (permission to go to Thailand)
- Church members and/or their friends/families who have COVID
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus.
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
 - Raul O. (mother, Josie), Zelma W. (father), Family of Ella Rae T., Don R. (wife, Brenda), Yvonne B. (husband, Pastor Jamal)
- Those struggling with on-going health and emotional issues:
 - Mary C. (breast cancer), Mary R. (possible dialysis), Don R. (sciatica pain), Harry and Pam D. (ongoing care-giving needs), Phyllis W. (in rehab facility), Korrena C. (home but still receiving therapy), Debbie B. (breast cancer has spread to her bones, pray for successful treatment), Linda C. (anxiety over Greg's recent heart issues), Floyd and Pat W. (mobility issues and dementia)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Ruthie C. (stomach repair), Ann W. (gallbladder removal)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Darlene R. (successful abdominal hernia repair), Gary L. (hip replacement), Greg C. (stent in his heart)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Julia B.
- Others that you are aware of