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1ST & 2ND
SAMUEL

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S
A TALE OF GRIEF AND JOY

2 SAMUEL 12:15–23

- 1. Review of Nathan's confrontation and David's response.**
- 2. What is the connection between Psa. 51 to David's confession in 2 Samuel 12?**
- 3. David cries out to God for forgiveness, Psa. 51:1–6.**
- 4. David prays to God for forgiveness of sin and cleansing, Psa. 51:7–12.**
- 5. David expresses his vow to teach and praise God when God forgives him, Psa. 51:13–19.**

6. David praises God for the joy of forgiveness, Psa. 32:1–11.

- 1. What is taught in this passage?**
- 2. What happens to those who die or are unable to reach the age of accountability?**

**What is the age of accountability/
What is God-consciousness?**

What happens to infants at the Rapture?

2 Samuel 12:5, “So David’s anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, ‘As the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die!

2 Samuel 12:6, “ ‘And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity.’ ”

- 1. God sometimes forgives and we feel the full force of the discipline. This is not what happened.**
- 2. God forgives and lessens the discipline.**
- 3. God forgives and removes the discipline completely.**

**2 Samuel 12:11, “Thus says the Lord:
‘Behold, I will raise up adversity against
you from your own house; and I will take
your wives before your eyes and give them
to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your
wives in the sight of this sun.’ ”**

**Matt. 1:6, “and Jesse begot David the king.
David the king begot Solomon by her who
had been the wife of Uriah.”**

2 Samuel 12:16, “David therefore pleaded with God for the child, and David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground.

2 Samuel 12:17, “So the elders of his house arose and went to him, to raise him up from the ground. But he would not, nor did he eat food with them.”

2 Samuel 12:18, “Then on the seventh day it came to pass that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead. For they said, ‘Indeed, while the child was alive, we spoke to him, and he would not heed our voice. How can we tell him that the child is dead? He may do some harm!’ ”

2 Samuel 12:19, “When David saw that his servants were whispering, David perceived that the child was dead. Therefore David said to his servants, ‘Is the child dead?’ And they said, ‘He is dead.’”

2 Samuel 12:20, “So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate.”

2 Samuel 12:21, “Then his servants said to him, **‘What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive, but when the child died, you arose and ate food.’**”

2 Samuel 12:22, “And he said, ‘While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, “Who can tell whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?”’”

2 Samuel 12:23, “ ‘But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.’ ”

2 Sam. 3:31, “Then David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, ‘Tear your clothes, gird yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn for Abner.’ And King David followed the coffin.

2 Sam. 3:32, “So they buried Abner in Hebron; and the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept.”

2 Sam. 13:30, “And it came to pass, while they were on the way, that news came to David, saying, ‘Absalom has killed all the king’s sons, and not one of them is left!’

2 Sam. 13:31, “So the king arose and tore his garments and lay on the ground, and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn.”

2 Sam. 13:36, “So it was, as soon as he had finished speaking, that the king’s sons indeed came, and they lifted up their voice and wept. Also the king and all his servants wept very bitterly.”

2 Sam. 18:33, “Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: ‘O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!’ ”

Mark 10:13, “Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

Mark 10:14, “But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.’ ”

Mark 10:15, “ ‘Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.’

Mark 10:16, “And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.”

John 3:18, “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

John 3:36, “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

Just as a child who dies doesn't reach the age of accountability and goes to Heaven,

the child at the Rapture doesn't reach the age of accountability and should go to Heaven.

Illegitimately equates dying with the Rapture.

At the Rapture, the child will continue to live and have opportunities to believe.