

# YAIY NEWS



Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future. Proverbs 19:20 ESV

## King David and Lessons Learned

Q. I have been reading 2 Samuel and have been intrigued by the character of King David and his life-experiences following his adultery with Bathsheba and murder of her husband, UriYah. My question is, given these sins and the manner with which he handled subsequent affairs, how could Samuel say in 1 Samuel 13:14 and Paul say in Acts 13:22 of David, that Yahweh had sought and found a man after His own heart who would fulfill all His will?

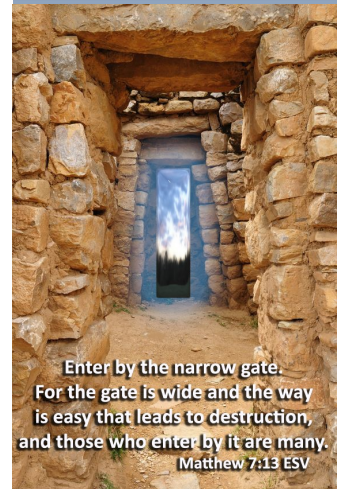
A. Thank you, for a very good question. First of all, there would be fewer narratives in Scripture that illustrate what is written for our learning and our admonition to affirm Numbers 23:32: “Be sure your sin will find you out;” in Proverbs 28:13, “He that covereth his sin shall not prosper;” and in Galatians 6:7-8: *Be not deceived; Yahweh is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*



The 2 Samuel narrative fully lends credibility to these Scriptures. Sin’s nature is that it increases to more unrighteousness. Tragically, the harvest attributable to sin, is rarely confined to the nature of that particular sin. A farmer may sow a particular seed in a field, but just like Yahshua’s conclusion in the parable in Matthew 13, tares are sown among the wheat.

The farmer may never have purposed it, but then that’s the nature of the fowl of the air to deposit what is corruptible in undesired places. So it is with sin. Sow corruption, and reap corruption ... commensurately greater, too, than the original planting. Also, a point worthy of notice, is that David never flourished in his effort in Chapter 11 to cover up his first sin of adultery by committing his second sin of murdering UriYah. The thirteen chapters that follow in 2 Samuel and the first two chapters in 1 Kings attest to his subsequent troubles.

So, given all that information, how is it that Yahweh sought and found in David ... and perhaps more importantly, in you and me, a man/woman after His own heart? Well, first of all, when Nathan, through his parable in 2 Samuel 12:7, declared to the king, “Thou art the man,” David immediately acknowledged his sin in Verse 13, “I have sinned against Yahweh.” A full treatise of his repentance is found in Psalm 51, written by him as a testimony



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of his contrition. Few, however, get to repentance of their sin, and fewer still, to acknowledging their sin.

Notice also, in Chapter 12, that following the failure of his intercessory fasting and prayer to spare the life of the infant son born of his adultery, he rose from the earth, washed and anointed himself, changed his apparel, and went into the Tent of Meeting to worship Yahweh (12:20). Few, at this point would think to worship Yahweh in Spirit and in Truth, but would instead complain, “Where was Yahweh?” BUT NEVER, DOES FORGIVENESS IMPLY IMPUNITY. For like Job who lost everything to marauders and nature, he would not charge Yahweh foolishly but instead, blessed Him Who gives and takes away (see Job, Chapter 1).

Scripture Itself provides what we’ve found are five criteria to becoming a man/woman after Yahweh’s own heart:

- Immediately repenting when confronted with your sin (Psa. 51; 2 Chr. 7:14; Isa. 55:7; Ezek. 18:21).
- Confess your sin, and trust He is faithful and just to forgive you your sin and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness, including the guilt prompted by the adversary, (1 John 1:9; Matt. 5:4).
- Worship Yahweh, even in the midst of receiving a just retribution of infirmity, necessity, or distress attributable to your sin (2 Samuel 12:20; Job 1:20-21).
- From henceforth, renounce continuing in sin and discharge the whole duty of keeping the commandments, fearing Yahweh, and working His righteousness (2 Cor. 4:2; Eccl. 12:13; Acts 10:35).
- Give Him no rest until He establish you in peace (Isa. 62:7).

May Yahweh bless you for your inquiry, and establish and strengthen you with His peace.

## Poems from the Heart



By Brother Ryan C. Irving, Sr.

### *Eyes and Ears*

He’s knocking on the door,  
So don’t ignore.  
This is important, so stay alert.  
If you are blind, ask  
For sight. If you are deaf, ask to hear.  
He has given you eyes to see and  
Ears to hear. What wisdom!  
What knowledge! What understanding!

(Rev. 3:20-22)

### *The Risen Spirit*

Wake Up! Wake Up!  
Wake up, you sleeping spirit.  
Arise and hear the call of Yahweh.  
Don’t be stubborn.  
Don’t run away.  
Don’t be afraid  
Humble yourself  
Cry out to Me.  
Now, you have received My mercy  
Now, you have received My grace.  
Now, you have faith in Yahshua Messiah  
In Whom you are put right with Me,  
Yahweh Almighty.  
So, you cannot stay down.  
You now have courage.  
You now have hope.  
Rise up! Rise up! Rise up!  
I answered, “Yahweh the Spirit  
has risen.”

(Rom. 8:1-17; Eph. 5:8-14)

## Gardening Without Weeds!

Ask someone how their garden is growing, and they may say, “With lots of weeds!” With Covid-19 a lot of people are starting gardens and finding out that the weeds don’t make it very enjoyable. Well, there is a way to prevent that from happening.

At the Assembly, the local brethren have donated their time and some funds to have a garden without weeds. A highly UV resistant cross weave material (e.g., Dewitt 5 Weed Barrier) is recommended. If you’re interested in doing this, there are videos on YouTube which give details.

The material should last about 5-7 years without needing to be replaced, and should not need to be lifted except for tilling after 2 years of growing. Keep in mind that the next Sabbatical is 2022-2023 (Atonement to Atonement).



## Alms Missionary Support Fund

We are thankful to have started utilizing this new outreach fund based upon the third tithe principle laid out in Scripture (Deut. 14:28-29; 26:12). There is much happening in the world right now, and various ways to help those in need. The brethren are our priority in all of this being negatively affected.



In the next few months experts are saying that upwards of 25 million people in the United States will face evictions from their homes and apartments, and they say another further 250 million around the world could be facing outright famine.

These are times, times, in which many of us have not seen before. While there are patterns and various challenges that arise over the decades and centuries, we are also called to arise for such times as these (Esther 4:14). To be strong; to be faithful; to be encouraged (Psalm 91) and to encourage; to draw close to Yahweh and help those in need, not neglecting to do our part, as we are able (Prov. 3:25-27). To reject helping others, when it is in our power to do so, is to fall into grievous sin (Ezek. 16:49).

## Equipment Video Upgrade

New equipment is being installed at this writing and improvements continue as Yahweh provides. A whole new look and feel will now be presented to those joining us online for Live Sabbath Services on Facebook and YouTube. DVDs are to follow as we start recording services and other videos via green screen.

We are looking at doing a lot of video work in the next few weeks and months. Involving the brethren in all of these is something we are excited about.

We don’t have baseball and basketball teams for the brethren, nor workout facilities, but we do have an opportunity for members to be involved in ways that directly promote the Word of Yahweh to a wide range of audiences around the world. For this we are thankful to our heavenly Father. Yahweh be magnified!





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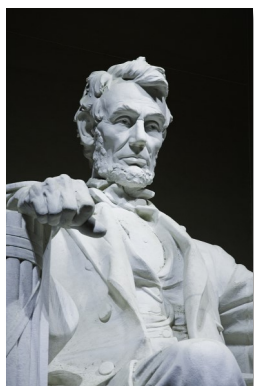
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We are “dedicated to the proposition, that all men are created equal” ... ‘conceived in sin, shapen in iniquity’ (Abraham Lincoln, “Gettysburg Address,” November 19, 1863; Psa. 51:5).

And sadly, in spite of a Space Given Them for REPENTANCE to acknowledging the TRUTH, the most of humanity will remain, from the cradle to the grave, in ‘that estate’ - dying in trespasses and sins ... and loving it, too, uncaring to know that awaiting them is a just recompense meet for their error: indignation and wrath (Rev. 2:21; 2 Tim. 2:25; Eph. 2:1; Rom.1:27, 2:8).

But one need NOT, be deprived of unspeakable joy, neither promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. No, he need not in this time, pierce himself through with many sorrows by companying with the devil and his angels and afterward, being overcome by and brought into bondage just so on that great and notable day, he can take his place with the other in the lake of fire (1 Pet. 1:8; 1 Tim. 4:8, 6:10; Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10, 14).

## Prayer List

Dolores Parker, David & Barbara Creel, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, Karen van Schalkwyk, Elder Lionel and Sandra Gets, Diana Murphy, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Georgiana Greene and Family, Al J. Pagano, Heidi Fleischmann, Chauncey Hargrove, Winifred Marie, Charles Scott Jr. and Sr., David & Nancy Wilson Family/Friends, Audrey Wilkes, Adeline Black, Audrey Steadman, Adi Stahlin, Kareem Greene Family/Friends, Ja'Quon & Schosche MucSarney, Rueben & Desire McIntyre, Henry Sunderman and Family, Tisha Palmory, Victor Kiiru, Roger Norman, John Wade, Errol Hunt, Chris and Marisca Barnard, Michael Johnson, Bob Covey, Terry Willard, Shaun Dampier, Jerry Castle, Leonard & Bertha Sefu, Marilyn Montague, Jephthah Maika, Jordan Vira and Family, Brent Houdeshell, Ryan C. Irving, Sr. Ann McKenzie, Victor Freire, Leny Richa, Gary Deerwester, Cody J. Malone., R.C. Fernald Family/Friends., Edward Napper, Larry Skinner, Tom and Shelly Herndon, Israel Omotayo and family, Mike Coffey, Eric Perkins, Dustin Spears Family/Friends, Kaoru Higa, David Miller, Michelle Williams, Kenya Washington, Mary Giles Family, Laurie Hernandez, Thomas Herndon Family, Danny O'Connor Family, David Clay, Karl Russel, Ricardo Marta, and Mari Orteg, Joe Norman, Charlene Jeffries, Marilyn Patterson. Also include in your prayers individuals seeking Yahweh from within prison facilities and for their families; plus overseas brethren and especially for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa. 122:6). The world's leaders could also use our prayers (Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:2). *And give Him no rest, till He establish, and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth, Isaiah 62:7.*

