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DAVID

**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, NOT  
YOUR GLORY – THE SIN OF PRIDE**

**2 Samuel 24 – David's Census Mistake**

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## 2 SAM. 24:1-10 – DAVID’S CENSUS MISTAKE

<sup>1</sup>Again the anger of the Lord burned against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, “Go and take a census of Israel and Judah.”

<sup>2</sup>So the king said to Joab and the army commanders with him, “Go throughout the tribes of Israel from Dan to Beersheba and enroll the fighting men, so that I may know how many there are.”

<sup>3</sup>But Joab replied to the king, “May the Lord your God multiply the troops a hundred times over, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king want to do such a thing?”



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<sup>4</sup> The king's word, however, overruled Joab and the army commanders; so they left the presence of the king to enroll the fighting men of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> After crossing the Jordan, they camped near Aroer, south of the town in the gorge, and then went through Gad and on to Jazer.

<sup>6</sup> They went to Gilead and the region of Tahtim Hodshi, and on to Dan Jaan and around toward Sidon.

<sup>7</sup> Then they went toward the fortress of Tyre and all the towns of the Hivites and Canaanites. Finally, they went on to Beersheba in the Negev of Judah.



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<sup>8</sup> After they had gone through the entire land, they came back to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

<sup>9</sup> Joab reported the number of the fighting men to the king: In Israel there were eight hundred thousand able-bodied men who could handle a sword, and in Judah five hundred thousand.

<sup>10</sup> David was conscience-stricken after he had counted the fighting men.



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# REDEMPTION FROM SIN OF PRIDE

## #1 – Repent from the depths of your heart.

2 Sam. 24:10 - “David was conscience-stricken. I have sinned greatly in what I have done. Now, Lord, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have done a very foolish thing.” (NIV)



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## #2 – Embrace your consequences.

2 Sam. 24:11-13 - “<sup>11</sup> When David got up in the morning, **the word of the Lord came to Gad the prophet, David’s seer, saying,** <sup>12</sup> **“Go and tell David, ‘This is what the Lord says: I am giving you three options. Choose one of them for me to carry out against you.’”** <sup>13</sup> So Gad went to David and said to him, “Shall there come on you three years of famine in your land? Or three months of fleeing from your enemies while they pursue you? Or three days of plague in your land? Now then, think it over and decide how I should answer the one who sent me.”



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**#3 – Turn your sorrow into action – words are not enough – build an altar.**

2 Sam. 24:16,18 – <sup>16</sup> And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. <sup>18</sup> So Gad came to David that day and said to him, “Go up, erect an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.”



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**#4 - Your mistake needs to cost you something, monetarily or otherwise.**

2 Sam. 24:24 I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver...

1 Chr. 21:25 – So David paid 600 shekels of gold for whole property.



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**#5 – God’s heart is redemption, not destruction.**

**Araunah** – Heb. Means “I shall shout for joy.”

**cf - 1 Chr. 21** <sup>26</sup> David built an altar to the Lord there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. He called on the Lord, and the Lord answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering.



# The End

