



Lesson 123: 2 Samuel 24:11-25 Reconciliation

Reconciliation describes the change in a relationship between man and God, from enmity to harmony. Miriam Webster defines reconciliation as the "act of causing two people or groups to become friendly". Reconciliation implies that there is a separation that must be bridged.

As much as David tried to take responsibility for the sins of the people, he couldn't do it perfectly. The only one who could truly bring about the reconciliation for another was Christ.

Read Romans 5:6-11. Did Christ wait until we were worthy to die for us?

What does that demonstrate to us?

Look at verse 10. While we were enemies, what reconciled us to God?

Where did we receive reconciliation from?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. Who effects our transformation into a new creation?

Do we participate in that?

How does Paul define reconciliation in verse 19?

Because of this, who do we represent?

How did we become the righteousness of God?

Restoration is defined as the act of returning something to its original condition. Action is required to bring about this returning.

Read Psalm 30:1-3. What has David rejoice that God has restored him to here?

Read Psalm 51:3-12. David knows his sins. He knows what he has done wrong. Who does David say he has sinned against?

Who does David go to for purifying?

Who can restore David to salvation in the Lord?

Can David effect this restoration? Why or why not?

Read 2 Corinthians 13:5-10. Why are we to examine ourselves?

What is it that Paul prays for and seeks? (Verse 9)

What does Paul want to use his authority for? W

hat is he willing to use it for if necessary?

Read 1 Peter 5:6-11. Why should we humble ourselves?

Why can we give Him our anxieties?

Who are we to be watchful for? Why?

Are the things we experience unique?

Why should that comfort us?

What will God Himself do after we have suffered a little while?

Is this something you can affect yourself?

Can you earn this?

What must you do in order to be restored in this manner? (Hint: re-read verses 6-9)

As we come to the end of 1 and 2 Samuel, and as you spend time with God today, thank Him for the reconciliation and restoration that He has provided for us, though we cannot earn it and we most certainly don't deserve it. Consider the life of David and the pattern that is evident in his life of sin, repentance and reconciliation, and David was called a man after God's own heart.

Be encouraged, today, as you consider the myriad and varied sins that David committed, yet, in the pattern of repentance and reconciliation God was imminently faithful to reconcile and restore David to right relationship with Himself. Ask God to help you, too, to have that heart of repentance and that desire for restoration and reconciliation with your creator. Seek Him first, and trust in the only one who can reconcile you: in Christ alone.