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Lesson 122: 2 Samuel 24:1-10 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004....

Read Romans 1:28-32. We, too, can “see fit” not to acknowledge God. What does Romans warn us that God will give us up to when we don’t acknowledge Him?

Paul includes a list of ways in which we can be filled with unrighteousness. As you look at that list, which of those do you struggle with?

Read Ephesians 3:7-13. What does God use to make known His wisdom?

Where is our confidence to be?

Read Philippians 3:2-11. Where do we put no confidence?

Look at the example Paul gives from his own life and consider what “reasons” you might have to have confidence in your flesh. Why does Paul count all of his “reasons” as loss?

Where does his (and our) righteousness come from?

Is it anything we can earn or attain in our flesh? Why or why not?

Read Psalm 31:23-24. How does the Lord provide for the faithful? How does the Lord provide for the prideful?

Read Psalm 73:1-28. The Psalmist describes the apparent blessings of those who are full of pride and insolence, and expresses his confusion over the apparent lack of censure for them. Where did the Psalmist go to discern the final end of the prideful people?

What is the final end for these prideful people?

How does the Psalmist express how he behaved toward God when he was embittered?

According to the Psalmist, is pride better than trusting in God?

Read Mark 7:14-23. What does Jesus say defiles a person?

Where do those things come from? Notice that Jesus, Himself, condemns pride as a sin here.

Read 1 John 2: 15-17. What are we not to love?

Where does pride come from?

What is passing away?

Why should that effect where we put our trust?

David put his trust in what he could see. He put his confidence in the number of people that were in his army, instead of in God. As we can see from the above verses, where should our confidence and hope be? Why shouldn't we find our confidence in the things of this world or in our own flesh?

As you spend time with God today, ask Him to help you to see where you are putting your confidence, whether it is in Him or in your own abilities or possessions or security. Ask Him to help you to remove these heart idols and put your faith and confidence in Him alone. Ask Him to remind you of the result of pride in yourself or in the world, and repent of the lack of trust and confidence that you display as you trust in yourself. Spend some time praising Him for the provision that God has promised you, for the assurance that you have for your eternal security, and for the forgiveness and grace that He provides when we find ourselves still relying on ourselves out of pride and arrogance.