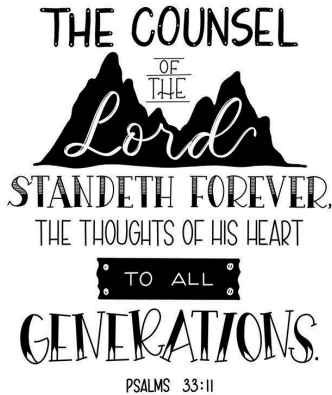


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August 25, 2024

Welcome!



“And He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’”

GOSPEL MEETING

Join us at 6:00pm tonight at the Coopertown Church of Christ for the start of our Joint Gospel Meeting. Our theme is “Faithful amid the Fire” and will focus on lessons from 1 Peter 3 & 4

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Prayer List

James Gupton was involved in a tractor accident on Hwy 12. Was life-flighted to the hospital and will need multiple surgeries.

Hunter Crouch is in need of another kidney transplant

John Hayes is home from the hospital

Robert Williams is recovering from a light stroke

Darinda Paul's latest MRI shows no growth in the tumor; She will continue with chemo

Brian West had surgery recently

David Billingsley has COVID

Linda Demonbreun is struggling with back pain

Continue to pray for: the **Billy Moore** family, **Mamie Hamilton**, **Ronnie Mayo**, **Rebecca Brown**, **Donnie Garrett**, **Keith Walker** and family, **Forshia Pennington**, **Carol Saling**, **Camille Brosky**, those in **Ukraine**, and **Bill Gillock**

We invite everyone to join us for our Gospel Meeting on Monday at Coopertown and Tuesday / Wednesday at Pleasant View

Serving Today

Song Leader:

Jeff Baker

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

Scripture Reading:

Mike Reed

Prayer:

Jeff Baker

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

Scripture Reading:

Jearmie Gupton
II Samuel 21:1-2

Wait On Table:

Eddie Walker

Serve:

Doug Demonbreun
Dwight Pennington

Prayer:

Jared Roaden

Service Times

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| Sunday Bible Study | 9:30 am |
| Sunday AM Worship | 10:30 am |
| Sunday PM Worship | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 pm |

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C _____ of Samuel (Chapters 21-24) - The final four chapters of Samuel form an epilogue for the book. They are divided into six parts with no regard for chronology. These six parts form a symmetrical literary pattern (ABCCBA):

- A. The Lord's Wrath Against Israel (21:1-14)
 - B. David's Heroes (21:15-22)
 - C. David's Song of Praise (22:1-51)
 - C. David's Last Words (23:1-7)
 - B. David's Mighty Men (23:8-39)
- A. The Lord's Wrath Against Israel (24:1-25)

You can see an example of the symmetry by examining the last verse of sections one (A) and six (A). Both contain the phrase "God/the Lord heeded the prayer(s) for the land".

C _____ of the Famine (21:1-2) - In this lesson, we will focus on section one, which documents a time during the reign of David when there was a three-year famine in Israel. Lengthy famines were relatively common in antiquity (**Gen 12:10; 26:1; 41:54-57; Ruth 1:1; 2 Kings 4:38**), so it should not be surprising to find there was a time of famine during the 40-year reign of David. However, when David inquires of the Lord as to the reason for the famine, God tells David, "It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites" (21:1). To understand the context of this response requires going back hundreds of years to **Joshua 9** where Joshua was tricked by the Gibeonites into making a promise that Israel would not destroy them in the land of Canaan. Gibeon was just north of Jerusalem, but the Gibeonites were not part of Israel. Though we don't have a record of Saul's actions, God is telling David that Saul has violated the promise.

C _____ of the Famine (21:3-14) - David seeks out the Gibeonites to make atonement. It appears David wants to reconcile with the Gibeonites, and then for them to pray the Lord's blessing on Israel "that you may bless the inheritance of the Lord" (21:3). The Gibeonites indicate they have no right to demand (1) silver or gold from Saul's Family, or (2) the death of anyone in Israel. Instead, the Gibeonites ask that seven men of Saul's house be executed "before the Lord" in "Gibeah of Saul" (21:6). Gibeah was the hometown of king Saul (**1 Sam 10:26**). David agrees to their request, but why? Was David right or wrong? Was this the Lord's will? This is a challenging section to interpret, but the answer may lie within the Law of Moses:

Num 35:33 - *You shall not pollute the land in which you live, for blood pollutes the land, and no atonement can be made for the land for the blood that is shed in it, except by the blood of the one who shed it.*

It is possible this act was necessary to pay for the "bloodguilt on Saul and on his house" (21:1 - ESV). In selecting the seven men, David spares Jonathan's son Mephibosheth (*Saul's grandson*), because of the covenant David made with Jonathan (**1 Sam 20:14-17**). David instead selects Armoni and Mephibosheth, sons of Saul and Rizpah his concubine (**3:7**), along with five sons of Saul's daughter Merab (**1 Sam 14:49** / NKJV - "Michal"). They were hanged on the mountain "before the Lord". This occurred on the first days of harvest (**21:9** / late April).

Rizpah mourns her sons and spreads sackcloth on a rock until rain comes. She protects the bodies from the birds of the air and beasts of the field. When David heard of Rizpah's actions, he retrieved the bones of Saul and Jonathan from Jabesh-Gilead (**1 Sam 31:8-13**), along with the bones of those executed, and buried them in Zela in Kish's tomb (father of Saul). This section ends by telling us that God answered the prayers of the Israelites.