

Devotional from Pastor Ho
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2 Samuel 12:9, *“Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.”*

Chapter 12 of 2 Samuel is filled with spiritual insights which we need to consider in the next 3 devotions. In the aftermath of David’s sins of adultery and murder (chapter 11), we shall look at (1) the indictment, (2) the confession, and (3) the reconciliation. If you are not familiar with the account in chapter 11, I strongly encourage you to read it for a better understanding of these three devotions.

Chapter 11 ends with “But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.” The indictment follows immediately as the Lord sends the prophet Nathan to David. Much praise has been given to the way Nathan approaches David before he presents the charges (vv.1-4). When David responds positively, Nathan does not pull punches with his “You are the man!” followed by the charges and their coming punishments (vv.7-12).

All the charges against David boil down to these words: “Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight?” Ever since God created mankind, he has given them his words to guide them in all of their life, which may be said to be God’s covenant with them. There were old covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and finally the new and everlasting covenant with Jesus. To despise the word of the Lord is therefore to break the covenant, with grave consequences, as we see in the remainder of David’s life.

We the covenant people of God often see people around us today despise God’s word in a big way and get away with it. As a result, we have drifted away in our own faithfulness to the covenant. When Jesus addresses his disciples, he reminds them, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15). The bottom line then is, how could we say we love Jesus, but despise his words in doing what is evil in his sight? Or, how could we say we love Jesus, but do not obey him in doing what pleases him?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we love you because you first love us. May your love drive us to do what you love, and stay away from what you hate. Amen.

何牧師的靈修

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撒母耳記下 12 篇 9 節：“你為甚麼藐視耶和華的命令，行他眼中看為惡的事呢？你借亞捫人的刀殺害赫人烏利亞，又娶了他的妻為妻。”

撒母耳記下第 12 章充滿了屬靈上的亮光，是我們在接下來的三個靈修中加以思想的。在大衛犯了通姦和謀殺罪之後(第 11 章)，我們將看 (一) 罪狀，(二) 認罪，和 (三) 和解。如果你對第 11 章中的敘述不熟悉，我強烈建議你讀它，以更好地了解這三個靈修。

第 11 章以“但大衛所行的這事，耶和華甚不喜悅”做結尾。緊隨著的是陳明罪狀，當耶和華差遣先知拿單去見大衛。拿單提出大衛的罪狀之前的方式得到了許多表揚(第 1-4 節)。當大衛積極的回應時，拿單毫無保留的指控說“你就是那人！”接著就指出罪狀及它們將得到的懲罰(第 7-12 節)。

對大衛所有的指控歸結就是以下這些話：“你為甚麼藐視耶和華的命令，行他眼中看為惡的事呢？”自從神創造人類以來，他就給人類他的話來指導他們生活的全面，這可以說是神與人所立的約。與亞當，挪亞，亞伯拉罕，摩西，大衛曾立了幾個舊約，最後與耶穌立了新的永約。因此，藐視耶和華的話就是毀約，並產生嚴重的後果，正如我們在大衛餘生中所看到的那樣。

今天，我們這些聖約中的人經常看到我們周圍的人大大地藐視神的話，而安然無恙。因此，我們也漂離了對聖約的忠實持守。當耶穌對門徒講話時，他提醒他們，“你們若愛我，就必遵守我的命令”(約翰福音 14:15)。所以最終的考慮是，我們怎麼能說我們愛耶穌，但藐視他的命令，行他眼中看為惡的事呢？或者，我們怎麼能說我們愛耶穌，卻不服從他，做他喜悅的事？

禱告：主耶穌，我們愛你，因你先愛了我們。願你的愛驅使我們去做你喜愛的事，並遠離你不喜愛的事。阿們。

何牧师的灵修

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撒母耳记下 12 篇 9 节：“你为什么藐视耶和華的命令，行他眼中看为恶的事呢？你借亚扪人的刀杀害赫人乌利亚，又娶了他的妻为妻。”

撒母耳记下第 12 章充满了属灵上的亮光，是我们需要在接下来的三个灵修中加以思想的。在大卫犯了通奸和谋杀罪之后(第 11 章)，我们将看(一)罪状，(二)认罪，和(三)和解。如果你对第 11 章中的叙述不熟悉，我强烈建议你读它，以更好地了解这三个灵修。

第 11 章以“但大卫所行的这事，耶和華甚不喜悦”做结尾。紧随着的是陈明罪状，当耶和華差遣先知拿单去见大卫。拿单提出大卫的罪状之前的方式得到了许多表扬(第 1-4 节)。当大卫积极的回应时，拿单毫无保留的指控说“你就是那人！”接着就指出罪状及它们将得到的惩罚(第 7-12 节)。

对大卫所有的指控归结就是以下这些话：“你为什么藐视耶和華的命令，行他眼中看为恶的事呢？”自从神创造人类以来，他就给人类他的话来指导他们生活的全面，这可以说是神与人所立的约。与亚当，挪亚，亚伯拉罕，摩西，大卫曾立了几个旧约，最后与耶稣立了新的永约。因此，藐视耶和華的话就是毁约，并产生严重的后果，正如我们在大卫余生中所看到的那样。

今天，我们这些圣约中的人经常看到我们周围的人大大地藐视神的话，而安然无恙。因此，我们也漂离了对圣约的忠实持守。当耶稣对门徒讲话时，他提醒他们，“你们若爱我，就必遵守我的命令”（约翰福音 14:15）。所以最终的考虑是，我们怎么能说我们爱耶稣，但藐视他的命令，行他眼中看为恶的事呢？或者，我们怎么能说我们爱耶稣，却不服从他，做他喜悦的事？

祷告：主耶稣，我们爱你，因你先爱了我们。愿你的爱驱使我们去做你喜爱的事，并远离你不喜爱的事。阿们。