

SERMON OUTLINE

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How to View My Accomplishments April 25, 2010

I. Background to the Kings

- A. Prior to the kings: **Judges 21:25** - right in their own eyes
- B. During reign of SAUL: Nation growing; spirituality growing?
- C. During reign of DAVID: Nation strong; spiritually focused
- D. During reign of SOLOMON: Nation very strong; God at center
- E. Overall - Tremendously successful in many ways

II. Dealing with Success

A. King SAUL

1. **His Failures**: **1 Samuel 13:8-13**; **1 Samuel 15:13-15**
2. **Reason for Failure**
 - a. **1 Samuel 13:12**; **1 Samuel 15:9** - wanted the BEST
 - b. He was afraid to lose what he had - **1 Sam 15:30**
3. **Forgetting Our Purpose**
 - a. Strange reaction - **Matthew 19:22** - went away grieving
 - b. **Matt 13:22** - worries of world, deceitfulness of riches
 - c. Let go - quit fighting for worthless things

B. King DAVID

1. **His Failure**: **2 Samuel 11:1** - pivotal point in Israel's history
2. **Reason for Failure**: Lost JOY - Was seeking it; Boredom?
 - a. He wanted to fill what was missing: **2 Samuel 12:7-9**
 - b. Lost a peace - was unfulfilled - so grasping
3. **Forgetting Our Source of Peace**
 - a. God told him - I would have given you ALL needed
 - b. **Psalms 51:6** - Be honest - where do you seek peace?
 - c. **Psalms 51:10-12** - Seek God from inside our - JOY

C. King SOLOMON

1. **His Failure**: **1 Kings 11:4-8** - Not wholly devoted to God
2. **Reason for Failure**
 - a. Something became greater than God - LOVE - **11:2**
 - b. Change from **1 Kings 3:3** - LOVED the Lord - gradual?
3. **Forgetting Who We Are**
 - a. **Philippians 3:7-8** - Nothing compares to knowing Christ
 - b. Take a step back - remember who you are!