

# IS THIS THE “MAN AFTER GOD’S OWN HEART?” 2 SAMUEL 24

**Acts 13:20** And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. **Acts 13:21** And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years. **Acts 13:22** And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, **I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.** **Acts 13:23** Of this man’s seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

What do we **find** in this story?

## 1. David, Joab, and God 24:1-9

**2 Samuel 24:1** And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, **Go, number Israel and Judah.** **2 Samuel 24:2** For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, **Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people.**

**2 Samuel 24:3** And **Joab said** unto the king, **Now the LORD thy God add** unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: **but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?** **2 Samuel 24:4** Notwithstanding the king’s word prevailed **against Joab, and against the captains of the host.** And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.

**2 Samuel 24:5** And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that lieth in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer: **2 Samuel 24:6** Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and about to Zidon, **2 Samuel 24:7** And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, even to Beer-sheba. **2 Samuel 24:8** **So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.** **2 Samuel 24:9** And **Joab gave up** the sum of the number of the people **unto the king:** and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

### Thoughts:

- David wanted something
- David wanted it now
- David wanted something...questionable?

What was it? Why was it?

- David wanted something that **included** others in the process **and** the outcome
- David didn’t want a little-bitty something!

What does 24:8 tell us?

It took almost 10 months and lots of people

- David wanted something Joab questioned
- David wanted something others questioned
- David wanted something and he wouldn’t take a “no”
- David wanted something no matter what
- David wanted something despite repeated questions /no’s / slow downs

**Psalms 106:15** And he gave them their request; **But** sent leanness into their soul.

### God answers in 4 ways:

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| A. Yes  | B. No                      |
| C. Wait | D. OK, but you’ll be sorry |

## 2. David, Gad, and God 24:10-19

**2 Samuel 24:10** And **David’s heart smote him** after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, **I have sinned greatly** in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the **iniquity** of thy servant;

for I have **done very foolishly**. **2 Samuel 24:11** For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto **the prophet Gad**, David's seer, saying,

**2 Samuel 24:12** Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, **I offer thee three things**; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. **2 Samuel 24:13** So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall **seven years of famine** come unto thee in thy land? **or** wilt thou flee **three months before thine enemies**, while they pursue thee? **or** that there be **three days' pestilence** in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

**2 Samuel 24:14** And David said unto Gad, I am in **a great strait**: **let us fall now into the hand of the LORD**; **for his mercies are great**: and let me not fall into the hand of man. **2 Samuel 24:15** So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba **seventy thousand men**. **2 Samuel 24:16** And **when** the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, **It is enough**: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.

**2 Samuel 24:17** And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, **Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly**: **but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house**. **2 Samuel 24:18** And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite.

**2 Samuel 24:19** And **David**, according to the saying of **Gad**, went up as the LORD commanded.

### **Actions of David:**

➤ **David was broken hearted → after this blunder!**

➤ **David took the blame**

➤ **David called evil → evil**

**Sinned greatly, iniquity, very foolishly, wickedly**

➤ **David took full responsibility**

➤ **David appealed to God's great mercy**

➤ **David never complained about the punishment except to ask for mercy for the people**

## **3. David, Araunah, and God**

**2 Samuel 24:19** And **David**, according to the saying of **Gad**, went up as the LORD commanded.

**2 Samuel 24:20** And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground.

**2 Samuel 24:21** **And Araunah said**, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant?

**And David said**, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

**2 Samuel 24:22** **And Araunah said** unto David, **Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him**: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood.

[**2 Samuel 24:23** All these things did Araunah, as a king (אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ), give unto the king (לְמֶלֶךְ).]

**And Araunah said** unto the king (אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ), The LORD thy God accept thee.

**2 Samuel 24:24** **And the king said** unto Araunah, **Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing**. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. **2 Samuel 24:25** And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. **So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel**.