

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) In today's Scripture, King David is coming to the end of his reign.
 - i) Something happened right at the end of his reign as he was getting ready to turn things over to his son, Solomon.
 - ii) 1 Kings 2:5-6
 - (1) "Hoar head" means "white head" or "aged head."
 - iii) David pronounced judgment upon Joab.
- b) Joab was the Judas of the Old Testament.
 - i) Outwardly, he seemed to love David and to be loyal to David.
 - (1) Outwardly, he served David.
 - (a) He spent all of his life serving David.
 - ii) Yet, he never truly loved David.
 - iii) Ultimately, Joab was judged by David.
- c) Joab was a formidable and outstanding man.
 - i) He was a man among men.
 - ii) Joab would have risen to the top in any profession anywhere.
 - iii) If you had ever wanted to have someone on your side, you would have wanted Joab.
- d) Joab was David's commander-in-chief.
 - i) He was David's right-hand man.
 - ii) When David was crowned king, there was a Jebusite stronghold that had been in the land since the days of Joshua.
 - (1) No one had been able to take that Jebusite stronghold.
 - (2) David said that whoever took that stronghold would be his commander-in-chief, and Joab took it.
 - (a) Joab had great courage, strength and wisdom.
 - (3) Joab took the city, delivered it to David and became his commander-in-chief.
- e) The story of Joab is a tragic story.
 - i) He fought alongside David and for David.
 - ii) He worked for David.
 - iii) He respected David and looked up to David.
 - iv) He spent his entire life for David, only to receive at the end of his life the wrath and judgment of David.
- f) The only thing that is sadder than the story of Joab is for a modern-day Christian to be in the church, work in the church, admire Jesus, respect Jesus, fight for Jesus, serve Jesus, but to die and go to Hell under the wrath of Jesus.
- g) Joab was very loyal and very lost.
 - i) There are many people in churches today who are in that same kind of situation.

2) THE LOYALTY OF JOAB

- a) Joab had great loyalty to David.

- i) It didn't matter whether or not a situation was dangerous or desirable, you would find Joab standing for David and fighting for David.
 - b) Joab was loyal to David, but he never really loved David.
 - i) He never really opened his heart to David.
 - ii) What he did with David ultimately depended upon what David did with him.
 - c) David is an Old Testament picture, type, prophecy and illustration of the Lord Jesus.
 - i) Both are of the tribe of Judah.
 - ii) Both are God's anointed kings.
 - iii) Both were first rejected and then enthroned.
 - d) Joab had a family loyalty.
 - i) 1 Kings 2:5
 - (1) Zeruah was David's sister, and Joab was David's nephew.
 - (2) Joab had known David ever since he was a little boy.
 - ii) Doubtless, David's sister was present when the prophet Samuel anointed David as king of Israel.
 - (1) 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 - (a) Seven of Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel.
 - (i) The number seven is significant; it speaks of the perfection of the flesh.
 - (ii) None of these seven were good enough.
 - (b) The youngest son, David, was keeping the sheep.
 - (c) Samuel sent for David and anointed him king.
 - (i) He was the one who was chosen of God to rule the throne.
 - (2) It is possible that Joab's mother told him when he was a little boy that David was God's anointed and to stay with David and to live for David.
 - iii) Joab was like many people today who are raised in the church.
 - (1) From the beginning, they learn about Jesus.
 - (a) They learn that Jesus is King, that He is Lord.
 - (b) They learn that Jesus loves us and that He is God's anointed Messiah.
 - (2) Just like Joab, they hear these things from their youth.
- iv) Joab could hardly remember a time when he had not been told about David.
- e) Joab had a fundamental loyalty.
 - i) He believed the right things about David.
 - ii) Joab knew that David was savior.
 - (1) He was convinced that David was the savior of Israel.
 - (2) It was obvious that David was God's savior in that day.
 - (a) He could remember the story of how David defeated Goliath.
 - (i) One man had won the battle for them all.
 - (b) David had overcome Goliath, who had the power of death.
 - iii) Joab knew that David was sovereign.

- (1) Joab saw how Abner had tried to set up another king named Ishbosheth, a rival king.
- (2) Joab knew that David was supposed to be king, and he stood up for David.
 - (a) He knew it was right, and he fought for it.
- iv) Joab was convinced that David was sufficient.
 - (1) He had seen how David had single-handedly united the twelve tribes of Israel.
 - (2) He had seen David bring in peace, prosperity and unity.
 - (3) He had seen how David was the embodiment of all of Israel's ideals.
 - (a) David was both a shepherd and a soldier.
 - (b) David was both a king and a prophet.
 - (c) David was a musician and a poet.
 - (d) David was a diplomat and an administrator.
 - (e) David was a friend and a hero.
- f) Joab had a fighting loyalty.
 - i) He was on the battlefield for David.
 - ii) He risked his life for David.
 - iii) He took the Jebusite stronghold for David.
 - iv) Joab would have been recognized as David's most courageous soldier and most faithful servant.

3) THE LOSTNESS OF JOAB

- a) In spite of Joab's loyalty, there was still something missing.
 - i) There was a fatal flaw in Joab.
 - ii) Somehow, he never really gave his heart to David.
 - (1) He admired David and fought for David, but he never surrendered to David.
 - (2) He knew that David was savior, sovereign and sufficient, but he did not give David his heart.
- b) Joab is like so many people in our churches today.
 - i) They have been raised from children to have a family loyalty.
 - ii) They have heard so much of the Word of God that they have a fundamental loyalty.
 - iii) They have worked so hard for the Lord that they have a fighting loyalty for the Lord.
 - iv) Yet, they have never been born again.
 - (1) They have never really been saved, and they will die and spend an eternity in Hell because there is something missing in their relationship with the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
- c) 1 Kings 2:6
- d) What caused Joab to receive the judgment of David?
 - i) Joab never truly from his heart loved David.
 - ii) Joab was a man who loved the kingdom without loving the king.

- iii) He loved the power, but he didn't love the person.
- iv) He loved the glory, but he didn't love the glorious one who was God's anointed.
- v) We can see in the way that Joab dealt with three rebellions against David that he never really had the heartbeat of King David.
- e) Joab disdained the mind of David.
 - i) 2 Samuel 3:20-21
 - (1) This is the same Abner who had once rebelled against David.
 - (a) Abner had wanted to make Ishbosheth king.
 - (2) But later on, Abner saw the error of his ways, and he saw the rightness and the righteousness of King David.
 - (3) Abner came to see that King David was God's appointed and anointed man.
 - (4) Abner repented of his ways, asked David for forgiveness and David forgave him.
 - (5) David made a feast for Abner, and they had fellowship.
 - (6) Abner committed to bring as many people to David's side as he could.
 - (7) Abner professed his love for David and wanted everyone to be in David's kingdom.
 - ii) 2 Samuel 3:26-27
 - (1) David loved Abner, he forgave Abner and he wanted fellowship with Abner.
 - (2) Abner loved David and was going to bring people to follow David.
 - (3) But Joab, who was David's commander-in-chief, stabbed Abner in the back.
 - iii) Joab represents many people who claim to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, yet they never have the mind of Christ.
 - (1) They can never deal properly with those whom Jesus has forgiven.
 - (2) They are always bearing grudges and resentments because they don't have the mind of Christ.
 - iv) Do you have the mind of Christ?
 - (1) Do you think as Jesus thinks?
 - (2) Do you love as Jesus loves?
 - v) One of the saddest things in the world is to see people who "knife" others in the back under the guise of Christianity.
 - (1) They're fighting, arguing and disputing among themselves while claiming to love the Lord Jesus.
 - (2) You cannot claim to love the Lord Jesus Christ and knife those whom He loves.
 - (a) If you're knifing those whom Jesus loves, then you likely haven't been saved.
 - vi) Joab never really had the mind of Christ.
- f) Joab distressed the heart of David.
 - i) 2 Samuel 18:5-15

- ii) Absalom was David's son, and he had horribly rebelled against David.
 - (1) He had tried to take the throne from David.
- iii) David loved Absalom, regardless of what he had done, and he commanded Joab and his other men that day to deal gently with Absalom for his sake.
- iv) How cruel and wicked Joab was when he found Absalom hanging, suspended in the tree with his hair entangled in the limbs.
 - (1) Joab drove three daggers into Absalom's heart.
 - (2) Joab's men surround Absalom and pummeled him to death.
- v) Joab and his men broke the heart of David.
- g) Joab did not have the heart of David.
 - i) Joab could not love like David loved.
 - ii) The acid test as to whether or not we're saved is not whether we have a family loyalty, a fundamental loyalty or a fighting loyalty, but whether or not we love as Jesus loves.
 - iii) Joab could not deal with those whom David had forgiven, and he could not deal with those whom David wanted to forgive.
 - (1) Do you love those whom Jesus loves?
 - (a) If not, then you're in Joab's crowd.
 - (2) Do you love the lost?
 - (3) Do you love the rebels?
 - iv) 2 Samuel 18:33
 - (1) David loved the rebel Absalom so much that he would have died for him, just as Jesus died for us.
 - (2) This is a picture of the love of God.
 - v) Joab could not love as Jesus loved or as David loved.
 - (1) And he could not think as David thought.
 - vi) 2 Samuel 19:1-2, 5-6
 - (1) Joab could not have been more wrong when he said that David hated his friends.
 - (2) He could not have been more when he said that David loved his enemies.
 - (3) Joab was sarcastic with David because David wanted to show his love to Absalom.
- h) Joab did not have the will of David.
 - i) He did not will as David willed.
 - ii) 1 Kings 1:5-7
 - (1) David's son, Adonijah, also rebelled.
 - (2) In this passage, Joab is again trying to set up a wrong king.
 - (a) It was not David's will that Adonijah be king.
 - (b) It was David's sovereign will that Solomon succeed him on the throne.
 - iii) 1 Kings 1:11-13
 - iv) Despite David's sovereign will that Solomon be king, Joab had another way.

- v) Many people today are like Joab who say that they belong to Jesus Christ, but they have their rights and their own desires, judgments and reasonings.
- vi) Joab never really had his will brought under the will of David.

4) CONCLUSION

- a) Many today are like Joab.
 - i) They will receive the judgment of the Lord Jesus because they were outwardly loyal but inwardly lost.
 - ii) They have never really and truly given their hearts to Jesus Christ.
- b) The mark of a Christian is not what kind of doctrine we can proclaim.
 - i) We're not saved by the plan of salvation but by the man of salvation, and His name is Jesus.
- c) We're not saved by serving and fighting.
 - i) As a matter of fact, the Joab's are the ones who cause church fights and church splits.
 - (1) They will fight for doctrine and what they think is right.
 - (2) They will fight for the cause of Christ.
 - ii) Proverbs 13:10
- d) Do you have the heart of Jesus?
- e) Do you love Jesus?
- f) Do you have the mind of Christ?
- g) Are you submitted to the will of Christ?
- h) It is possible to be religious and lost.
 - i) Those who are religious and lost are the ones who least think that they need to be saved.
- i) One of the greatest tragedies was for Joab to have fought alongside David and then to receive the wrath of David.
 - i) A greater tragedy would be for a person to be a member of a church, to teach in Sunday school, to give their money, to fight the battles, and still hear the Lord Jesus say, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity; I never knew you."
 - (1) Matthew 7:23
 - ii) Many people, surrounded by receipts for church offerings and Sunday school attendance awards, will die and spend an eternity in Hell because they never received Christ as their personal Savior and Lord.
- j) Matthew 7:22-23
- k) Are you saved?
 - i) Does God's Spirit bear witness with your spirit that you are a child of God?
 - (1) Romans 8:16
 - ii) 2 Peter 1:10
 - iii) 2 Corinthians 13:5
 - iv) Do you know that you love Jesus?

- l) If you're not a Christian, don't let a Joab or a Judas or any other hypocrite keep you from loving the Lord Jesus.
 - i) There are plenty of hypocrites in the world, but you will never find any fault with our wonderful King, the Lord Jesus.
- m) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- n) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16