

SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

Take time to read the selected passage and respond to the questions below. Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word. Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life.

January 14, 2022 David Counts the Fighting Men - [2 Samuel 24:1-25](#)

Open It

1. What modern day status symbols do we regard as "the more the better"?
2. What are some examples of the followers' suffering when the leader does something wrong?

Explore It

3. How did God use David to punish Israel? ([24:1](#))
4. What did the king want his commanders to find out for him? ([24:2](#))
5. Who objected to David's plan and tried to dissuade him? ([24:3](#))
6. Whose opinion prevailed as to what should be done? ([24:4](#))
7. How long did it take for the commanders to go throughout the land counting the fighting men? ([24:8](#))
8. How many fighting men did David have in Israel and Judah? ([24:9](#))
9. What did David realize after the census was finished? ([24:10](#))
10. What was David's prayer when he realized his error? ([24:10](#))
11. What did God instruct the prophet Gad to ask David? ([24:11-12](#))
12. What choice did Gad present to David? ([24:13](#))
13. What punishment did David choose from the three options God put before him? ([24:14](#))
14. How many people died in the plague? ([24:15](#))
15. Where was the angel of death when God instructed him to stop? ([24:16](#))
16. What was David's confession when he saw what was happening to Israel? ([24:17](#))

17. What did Gad instruct David to do as part of ending the plague? ([24:18](#))
18. What was Araunah's response when David asked to buy the threshing floor in order to build an altar? ([24:19-23](#))
19. Why did David insist on paying for all of the items for the sacrifice? ([24:24](#))
20. What did God do for David and Israel when all of these actions were completed? ([24:25](#))

Get It

21. What does it mean that God "incited" David against Israel when God was angry with Israel?
22. Why was it wrong for David to want to count his fighting men?
23. How did David demonstrate his knowledge of God by the choice he made of the means of punishment?
24. How does God feel when He sees the suffering we bring on ourselves through our sin?
25. Why is a "cheap" sacrifice inappropriate to offer to the living God?
26. What sort of offering does God find acceptable from us today?
27. What does it mean to offer sacrifices to God today?
28. How can we make sure that the things we offer to God have not cost us nothing?

Apply It

29. What temptation to count or calculate the value of your blessings can you resist by faith?
30. What can you offer to God that is valuable or important (not cheap)? How?