

Serve God's Purpose

Part 8

*“For when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation.” (Acts 13:36a NIV)
“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God.” (Acts 13:36a KJV)*

Every day you are called to fulfil God’s will and to serve His purpose in your life. David had served God’s purpose in his own generation by observing God’s laws and ways as we can read here:

8- David repented of his sins: The bible recorded two sins David committed against the Lord.

David repentance of His sin of adultery that he committed with Bathsheba: “One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find about her. The man said, “Isn’t this Bathsheba the daughter of Eliam and wife of Uriah the Hittite?” Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (She had purified herself from her uncleanness) Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David saying, “I am pregnant.” (2Samuel 11:2-5)

Now David had to cover what he did wrong, *“⁶So David sent his word to Joab: “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” And Joab sent him to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.” So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master’s servants and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When David was told, “Uriah did not go home,” he asked him, “Haven’t you just come from a distance? Why didn’t you go home?” ¹¹Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my master Joab and my lord’s men are camped in the open fields. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and lie with my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!” (2Samuel 11:6-11)* The intention of David that Uriah would sleep with his wife so it will be like she got pregnant by her husband, but what David planned it did not work, *“¹²Then David said to him, “Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³At David’s invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master’s servants; he did not go home. ¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵In it he wrote, “Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die. ” ¹⁶So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. ¹⁷When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David’s army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.” (2Samuel 11:12-17)*

David was trying to cover up what he did wrong and he thought he was succeeded by the death of Uriah the hittite, *“²⁶When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.” (2Samuel 11:26-27)*

But the Lord exposed what David did through his prophet Nathan whom the Lord sent and confronted David and rebuked him for what he did, and truly David said, *“I have sinned against the LORD.” (2Samuel 12:13)* And *“Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your*

sin. You are not going to die. ¹⁴But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die.” (2Samuel 12:13b-14) Many they will try to cover up their sins and short comings but their conditions will move from bad toward worse. *“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13)* David confessed his sin; he repented, and got restored. The evidence of his repentance was clear for he accepted the discipline of the Lord that as a consequence of his sin the son born to him out of adultery will die.

God truly carried out his disciplinary action against David and David endured the disciplinary action of God as we can read here, *“¹⁵After Nathan had gone home, the LORD struck the child that Uriah’s wife had borne to David, and he became ill. ¹⁶David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and went into his house and spent the nights lying on the ground. ¹⁷The elders of his household stood beside him to get him up from the ground, but he refused, and he would not eat any food with them. ¹⁸On the seventh day the child died. David’s servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they thought, “While the child was still living, we spoke to David but he would not listen to us. How can we tell him the child is dead? He may do something desperate.” ¹⁹David noticed that his servants were whispering among themselves and he realized the child was dead. “Is the child dead?” he asked. “Yes,” they replied, “he is dead.” ²⁰Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate.” (2Samuel 12:15-20)*

As David repented and accepted God’s discipline and the consequences of his sin God enabled him to endure the discipline and reap the fruit of his repentance. *“²⁴Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The LORD loved him; ²⁵and because the LORD loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.” (2Samuel 12:24-25)* The Lord rewarded David for his repentance by giving him Solomon who was the one to succeed David as king over Israel.

True repentance and willingness to accept God’s discipline and the consequences of your sin that will pave the way for God to initiate in you the process of restoration. As David was restored you will also be restored if you truly repent and take seriously in your heart the ways of the Lord

My Dear and Beloved: Righteous sacrifices will be offered to God when there is true repentance. Praise and worship, doing ministry and giving without repentance does not please the Lord and will not help those who practice that. They cannot mock God; the Lord will not be satisfied and will not forgive unless he is sure that there is true repentance as we saw in David life.

My Prayer: *“Father God in heaven, I come before you in Jesus name who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I repent and renounce the following sins _____ . Lord I am willing to be disciplined by you and carry the consequences of my sins. Restore me Lord in Jesus name, Amen.*