

Sermon ~ Sunday, June 19, 2022, by Pastor Dwight Benoit

Text: 2 Samuel 12: 1-13

Title: "It Keep Coming Up!"

I wanted so much to applaud, to praise, to commend ALL Fathers today... (pause and do so). Yet, considering today, today's world, I turn to **The WORDS of JESUS**, for an answer to questions I have, (perhaps you have) about today.

Luke 12: 49-52,

"I have come to send fire on the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I AM under until it is completed! Do not think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

[JESUS, in the context, shifts HIS attention from the future (Church, JESUS GOT THIS!) back to the present. HE urges, "recognize the critical times of which we live!"

Point: Repentance is called for... (Turning from sin(s), turning to GOD, with godly evidence) ... As the time of Judgment Day approaches.

Fire symbolizes GOD'S Judgment. Baptism symbolizes "The Cup" JESUS must (did) drink of... The Crucifixion on Calvary—The JUST for the unjust; The SAVIOR for the sinner; HIS Life a ransom for many. Peace (GOD'S Ruling Presence—In the sunshine/rain; In JOY/pian) Division, resulting of people rejecting GOD'S Peace—JESUS, The LORD and SAVIOR.] It helps with why,

"It Keep Coming Up!"

Has this happened to you?

"Unfortunately, your iPhone won't allow you to remove a single word from predictive text. You either have to live with this option or reset your key board dictionary."

Have you had this thought recently?

"That little piece of trim that 'keeps coming up' is here, right now."

Or,

"I can't forget it, 'it keeps coming up!'"

"It Keep Coming Up!"

In the text of 2 Samuel, David, the King of Israel, some how, for a whole year, gave 'no sign' of the sin(s) he committed. *Consequence* scourged (whipped, tortured, oppressed) him incessantly, so much so, 'the doctors who visited him at his command' could not make him well. Point: he did not repent—return—to GOD until Nathan, GOD'S prophet, was sent, to fetch him.

Nugget.

"The GOOD SHEPHERD goes after those that are lost until HE finds them.

Better yet, *until they realize they are lost!*" (Luke 15: 4)

"HE restoreth (puts back, re-place, brings back) my soul! (Psalm 23: 1-3 that is, after HE maketh me and leadeth me, (vss. 1, 2) then HE restoreth my soul, v. 3a)

"Soul-agony is not enough, keen though it be; there *must* be *confession* and *repentance!*"

Sent by **GOD, The Prophet** Nathan, performs a much needed, “*spiritual surgery*” on David, a *father* and a *King*. Since David had been a *Shepherd* himself, he would pay close attention to the story about ‘*the theft of an innocent lamb*, and as *King*, he was *obligated* to see that ‘*poor families*’ were given *Justice*.

Nathan *chooses his words carefully* so that they would remind David of what he had said and done. “O king, the *ewe lamb* “did *eat* of her ‘poor man’ *meat*. And *drank* from her ‘poor man’s’ *cup*. And the *ewe lamb* laid in ‘the poor man’s’ *bosom* (v. 3).

This should have *reminded* David of Uriah’s, Bathsheba’s husband speech, 2 Samuel 11: 11, “Shall I then go to my house to *eat* and *drink*, and to *lie* with my wife?”

But it wasn’t enough. That didn’t *prick* David heart. But when Nathan, **GOD’S prophet** told him about ‘*the rich man*’ stealing and killing the *lamb*, then David showed some response.

He became *angry* [*irate, vexed, furious, outraged*] at another man *sin(s)*.

David didn’t seem to realize that he was ‘*the rich man*,’ Uriah was ‘the poor man,’ and Bathsheba was ‘*the ewe lamb*’ he had stolen. The ‘*traveler*’ whom the *rich man* fed represents ‘*the temptation and lust*’ that visited David on the roof-top, to whom David yield too, and took control of him.

Nugget.

--When (not if) you open the door, *sin* will come in as a *guest* but soon become your *Master!*
[David passed Judgment on *the rich man* without realizing he was *passing* judgment on himself!]

--Of all *blindness* (hear me, a *blind man is a blind man*) but the *worst blindness* is to have sight, but *blind* to ourselves. A stranger to yourself. Can see “a speck in your brother eye but can’t see, for that big plank in your own eye.”

[Until now, David had been minimizing (keeping it down, reducing, lessening, estimating at less) the *consequences* of his *sin(s)* and doing nothing, when actually what he did to Uriah was worthy of death.]

What did he do? Nathan explained... 1. He forgot the goodness of **The LORD WHO** gave him everything he had and would have given him more (vss. 7, 8). 2. He had despised **GOD’S commandments** [Thou shall not covet; Thou shall not commit adultery, Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor; Thou shall not murder] and acted as though he had the ‘privilege of *sinning*. (v. 9) 3. And he thought he could get away with it.

Nugget.

--Beware of the ‘*passion*’ (feeling, fervor, excitement) of *sin*. *Sin* of the moment will overtake you. The *sin* that caused David to kill Uriah was a ‘*premeditated*’ crime that makes it *deliberate* and *disgraceful*.

Nathan, **GOD’S Prophet** said, “Because of what you have done, **I, The LORD**, will cause your own household to rebel against you.” (v. 11) **“It Keep Coming Up!”**
Your *child* by Bathsheba will *die* (2 Samuel 12: 18) **“It Keep Coming Up!”**

Murder will be a constant *threat* to your family, Amnon, Absalom, and Adonijah will all be *slain*. (2 Samuel 13: 26-30) **"It Keep Coming Up!"**

David's beautiful daughter Tamar was *raped* by her half-brother, Amnon. (2 Samuel 13)

"It Keep Coming Up!" Your *household* will *rebel* against you. (2 Samuel 15: 13)

"It Keep Coming Up!" Your *wives/concubines* will be given to *another* by your own son Absalom in public view. (2 Samuel 16: 20-23) **"It Keep Coming Up!"**

For the rest of David's lifetime, he experienced one tragedy after another, either in his family or in the Kingdom. **"It Keep Coming Up!"**

"And David said to Nathan, **GOD'S prophet**, I have *sinned* against **The LORD**." Nathan replied, Yes **BUT...** there was/is a *conjunction*, that introduced a phrase or clause *contrasting* what had already been mentioned... "an *however*," an *nevertheless*, an *although*, a *but in spite of that*, an *having said that*, still in all Nathan's replied, **The LORD** also hath put away thy *sin*; thou shalt not die."

Nugget.

--Though **GOD in HIS G.R.A.C.E.** *forgives* our *sin(s)*, **GOD in HIS government** has to permit we experience the consequences of our *sin(s)*.

--Because of **CHRIST** finished work on **Calvary's Cross**, **GOD** is able to save lost *sinners* and *forgive* disobedient *saints*, and the sooner we repent, the quicker we know how **FAITHFUL GOD is!!!**

John 1: 8, 9, 10,

"If we say that we have no *sin*, we deceive ourselves, and **The TRUTH** is not in us.

If we *confess* our *sins*, **HE is FAITHFUL and JUST** to *forgive us* our *sins*, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not *sinned*, we make **HIM** a liar, and **HIS WORD** is not in us."

"It Keep Coming Up!" BUT **GOD** hears us when we *confess*, "Against **THEE, THEE** only have I *sinned*." And that *confession* is met, as it always is, by an instant *assurance of pardon*—
"The LORD also hath put away thy *sin*."