

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

Substitutionary Atonement

- The Shadow – David and Absalom
 - David and Absalom form an image of God the Father and fallen mankind [2 Sam 18:33].
 - ✦ David is called “the King” (מֶלֶךְ, ha-melek).
 - ✦ Absalom means “my Father is peace” (שְׁלוֹמִי אָבִי, abshalom).
 - ✦ Absalom is a beloved son who rebelled against the rule of his father – i.e. there was no peace with his father.
 - David didn't want Absalom to perish [2 Sam 18:5].
 - Absalom's sins were worthy of death.
 - ✦ Amnon's murder [Gen 9:5-6; Num 35:16-21, 30-33].
 - ✦ His rebellion against David [Lev 20:9; Deut 21:18-21].
 - ✦ His abuse of David's harem [Lev 20:10].
 - ✦ His lack of respect for the Lord's anointed [Ex 22:28; 1 Sam 24:6, 10; 26:9, 11, 16, 23; 2 Sam 1:14, 16].
 - Nonetheless, David desired to forgive and restore his rebellious son.
 - David – a man after God's own heart [1 Sam 13:14] – desired to be a substitutionary sacrifice in place of Absalom [2 Sam 18:33].
- The Reality
 - God the Father does not desire for any to perish [Ezek 18:23, 32; 1 Tim 2:3-4; 2 Pet 3:9].
 - Our sins are worthy of death [Gen 2:16-17; Rom 6:23].
 - Nonetheless, God the Father desires to forgive us and restore us [John 3:16].
 - God the Father sent His Son to accomplish what fallen man could not [Rom 8:3].
 - Jesus Christ became our substitute [Isa 53:4-12; Mark 10:45; 1 Pet 3:18] and, when we place our faith in Him and are baptized into Christ, we are identified with His death on the cross [Rom 6:2-7].