

# COVENANT

THE PURSUIT OF GOD

Araunah and David  
2 Samuel 24:17-25



## 2Samuel 24:

**17** Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking down the people, and said, "Behold, it is I who have sinned, and it is I who have done wrong; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let Your hand be against me and against my father's house."

**18** ¶ So Gad came to David that day and said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."



## **2Samuel 24:**

**19 David went up according to the word of Gad, just as the LORD had commanded. 20 Araunah looked down and saw the king and his servants crossing over toward him; and Araunah went out and bowed his face to the ground before the king. 21 Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be held**



## 2 Samuel 24:

back from the people." 22 Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what is good in his sight. Look, the oxen for the burnt offering, the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. 23 "Everything, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you." 24 However, the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will



## **2Samuel 24:**

**not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 David built there an altar to the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. Thus the LORD was moved by prayer for the land, and the plague was held back from Israel.**

# The Victorious Life?

- David fails again... (1Chr 21 - Satan)
  - Numbering the people...
  - Pride and disobedience...
  - David shows his heart
  - Remorse...



## **In Remorse**

**2Samuel 24:10** Now David's heart troubled him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have acted very foolishly."

# Pleads for the people

- 70,000 from Dan to Beersheba
  - Comes to Jerusalem... enough
  - Stops at a threshing floor...
  - "I have sinned...sheep...let your hand...me and my father's house."



Where it stopped...

- Araunah/Ornan (1Chronicles 21:25)

- Jebusite?

  - Enemies of David! Mocked him...

  - "you shall not enter here"

  - City of Jerusalem = City of David!

# When your enemy

- David told to build an altar... (18)
- Araunah see kings men coming...
  - Bows
  - Why have you come - 'servant'
  - Threshing floor?
  - Araunah had a choice here...

# Araunah's Choice

- You killed my people
- You took our city!
- I am glad for the plague!
- 'take and offer' - as you see fit!
- Oxen, yokes, sledges... Araunah gives!

David say... NO?

- Who doesn't love a good deal?
- He was the king... tested in sorrow!
  - "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing." (24)

# Paying the price...

- David pays for the land...
- Probably 50 shekels of gold
- David built the altar...
- The LORD is moved by prayer for the land!

One more thing...

- *2Chronicles 3:1* Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

All about you...

- Abraham payed the full price
- Jonah payed the price... so did everyone else!
- David payed the price
- And Jesus...