

The Head is Sick

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1.) Israel's Other Problem, Absalom Is More Righteous Than David

Exhibit A: The Comparison to the David and Nabal Event

Exhibit B: The Comparison to the Account of Judah and Another Tamar

"She has been more righteous than I, because I did not give her to Shelah my son." Genesis 38:26

2.) Israel Needs a True and Better Joshua

Read verse 28.

Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed..."

"7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:7-9

Read verse 32

3.) The Lord Stands Behind Absalom

"decreed in himself, from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably" London Baptist Confession, Paragraph 3.

Leviticus 18:9 NKJV - 9 'The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home or elsewhere, their nakedness you shall not uncover.

Leviticus 18:11 NKJV - 11 'The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, begotten by your father--she is your sister--you shall not uncover her nakedness.

Leviticus 20:17 NKJV - 17 'If a man takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a wicked thing. And they shall be cut off in the sight of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness. He shall bear his guilt.

Application:

1.) Fidelity to God Must Supersede Fidelity to Family

Deuteronomy 13:6, 9 NKJV - "If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, secretly entices you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers...your hand shall be first against him to put him to death"

Leviticus 10:3 NKJV - 3 And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.' " So Aaron held his peace.

2.) Israel's Head Is Sick and the Body Cannot Long Stand With a Sick Head.

3.) Abandon All Hope in Man

Isaiah 1:5-6 NKJV - "The whole head is sick, And the whole heart faints. 6 From the sole of the foot even to the head, There is no soundness in it,"

Isaiah 59:14-20 NKJV - 14 Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter. 15 So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice. 16 He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm

brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. 17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak. 18 According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. 19 So shall they fear The name of the LORD from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him. 20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD.