

The Roman Emperor, Constantine was a Christian and former idol worshippers were being accepted into the church in Rome. Changes were being accepted, small changes at first but followed by larger and larger changes; one change at a time, Satan was mixing error with truth.

Some of these changes included:

- Using statues of Jesus, Mary and the apostles in churches and people eventually began to pray to Mary and the apostles who had died. Why Daniel was thrown in the lions den?
- Appointing a head of the church who eventually became known by the Roman titles of Pontifex Maximus and the Pope – You might think the Pope is like our conference president but there is a BIG difference: The Pope claims to be God! The Jews would have called this blasphemy.
- Copies of the scriptures were hard to find, especially in the language of the common people. Soon people were forbidden to read it so they didn't know what the truth was.
- The 2nd Commandment was removed from the Ten and the 10th was split into two parts so there would still be ten.
- Joyful Religious festivals were held on Sunday to honour Jesus resurrection; pagans worshiped the Sun god on Sunday anyway, so it was easy to declare this day as a holiday.
- The Jews were despised for making the Sabbath a burden, and although most Christians kept both the Sabbath and Sunday as special days, Sunday became a day for celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. The Sabbath became less popular until it was thought of as a part of Judasim.

By the eleventh century AD:

- People were told that they could have their sins forgiven by paying money to the church, performing certain rituals, visiting certain sacred sites or fighting in the Popes army.
- People were told that when their loved ones died they went to hell and could only be released by having money paid.
- Candles were burned in front of statues as an act of worship.
- The priests claimed to change the communion bread and wine in to the actually blood and body of Christ.

Satan had managed to corrupt the church even worse than he had corrupted the Jews before Jesus time; but the interesting thing to note is that many of these changes had been foretold. You can read about them in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4 and Daniel 7:25.

Family Problems

Sabbath

David made lots of mistakes, but when he realised how he had hurt God, he was sorry for his sins and asked for forgiveness. David had the privilege of becoming the great, great, great, something... grandfather of Jesus Himself! As Acts 13:22 says, David was a man after God's own heart.

Do you take after your mother or your father?

Who do you look more like? _____

Whose personality do you take after? _____

David was a man after God's own heart; he had a heart like God. That was why even when Saul, Abner and Absalom all tried to kill him, David was still able to show kindness to them, and was sorry when they were killed.

How can you become a person after God's own heart? Here are some things you can do. Unscramble the words in bold; the answers are on the bottom of the page.

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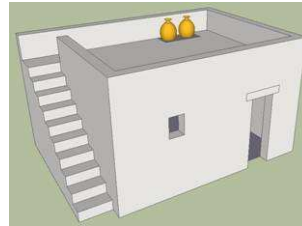
Respect: spending time; Bible; important; life; commandments; making; effort; Sabbath, special.
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Refer: 2 Samuel 11-24 NLT; Patriarchs and Prophets p727-745; Great Controversy ch 3; The Bible Story vol4 p103-111
<http://www.biblestudy.org/basicart/origin-of-the-title-of-pope-as-head-of-catholic-church.html>

Sunday

Now it was not uncommon at that time, for men, especially important men, to have several wives. Sometimes when one king, wanted to show his support for another king, he would give one of his daughters to that king to marry, even if the king already had another wife. This was not God's plan for families, but David followed the example of those around him. 1 Chronicles 3:1-9 says David had at least 7 wives and 19 sons! Can you imagine having that many brothers and that many step mothers?

The roof tops in Bible times were flat and were used like another room or a veranda. One day David looked over the roof tops and happened to see a beautiful woman bathing. He made enquiries and found out that she was Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, one of David's best soldiers.



Now David made a terrible mistake; he fell in love with Bathsheba and got her pregnant! He tried to cover up his sin by calling Uriah back from the war, so he would think the baby was his own. But Uriah was very dedicated, he said, "How can I go home and relax when the rest of our army is camping out in tents?"

Then David made an even worse mistake, he sent a message in a sealed envelope for Uriah to give to Commander Joab; the message told Joab to put Uriah in a dangerous spot so that he would be killed!

God sent the Prophet Nathan to David with the story of a rich man who took the only sheep belonging to a poor man even though he already owned lots of sheep; then Nathan told David that the story was about him. God had given David so many good things, and David already had several wives and sons, but he had coveted and taken the wife of Uriah, and then had Uriah murdered.



David realised how terrible his mistake was, he was sorry for his sins and asked forgiveness of God. God forgave him, but the prophet Nathan warned that because of his sins, more trouble would come to his family in the future.

Friday

What happened to David – the man who refused to kill King Saul, even when everyone thought he should? Now he not only commits adultery, but murder as well! Last week we talked about how David often asked God what to do, David had had a close personal friendship with God but did he still? I have to guess that maybe he didn't, and that was why he did the things that he did. Things were going well in the kingdom and he wasn't reminded to constantly ask God what to do, he started to feel that as the King he could do whatever he wanted to.

The wonderful thing about David is that when he realised his mistake he immediately turned back to God; he was genuinely sorry for his sins and God forgave him.

What is David called in Acts 13:22?

A man after God's _____ (3a) _____ (7a)

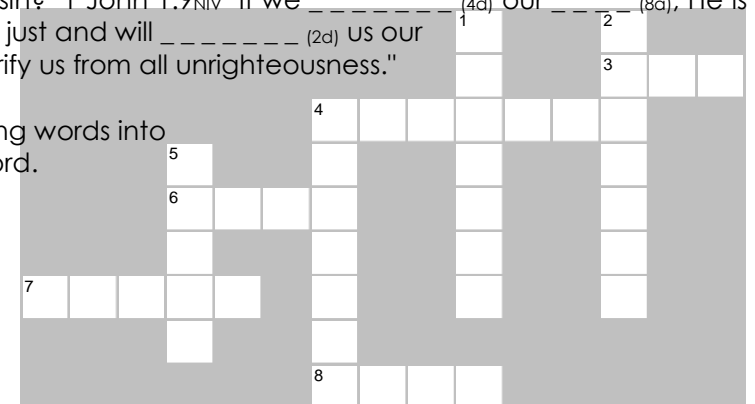
When things are going well, it can be easy to neglect God; you need to ensure that we keep our close relationship with Jesus all the time, through good times and bad, that way you will be able to see Satan's traps for what they are.

1 Peter 5:8^{NLT}, "Stay _____ (5d)! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a _____ (1d) _____ (6a), looking for someone to devour."

Ecclesiastes 12:1^{NLT}, "Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your _____ (4a). Honour Him in your youth."

What if we sin? 1 John 1:9^{NIV} "If we _____ (4d) our _____ (8a), He is faithful and just and will _____ (2d) us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Fit the missing words into the crossword.



Thursday

Do things ever happen at your home or school that you think are unfair?

What should you do when you are not happy with something?
Find the underlined words.

There are three people you can talk to when you are upset.
The most important is God. He will help you to feel better and
to know what to do about it. You can also talk to an adult
whom you trust, and you can talk to the person who upset you.

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Monday

Amnon and Absalom were both sons of David from different mothers. Now Amnon hurt Absalom's sister Tamar and David had done anything about it; perhaps he didn't notice, or perhaps he was thinking of his mistake with Bathsheeba and couldn't decide what to do. So, Absalom invited his brothers and sisters to a party, and had soldiers kill Amnon. Someone told King David that all his sons were dead and Absalom had fled to his grandfather, King Talmai of Geshur.

Joab knew that David missed Amnon and Absalom so he sent a woman to David with the story about two sons, one who killed the other and was now condemned to die so she would lose both; then she asked why David why he had condemned Absalom and so lost two sons. David allowed Absalom to return, but it was two years before saw him.

So Absalom started plotting against his father. He sat at the city gates saying to the people, "The king is too busy to see you. - If I were king I would help you..." He was kind and helpful and won them over until he had many supporters. Then sent a secret message through the tribes, calling them to Hebron to crown him king,

When David heard what had happened, he packed up his entire household and fled Jerusalem, hoping to prevent a battle, though many people who were secretly loyal to David remained, pretending loyalty to Absalom. One of these men, Hushai, advised Absalom to wait and call the army before following David. Then he sent messengers to David to tell him to cross the river that night; someone saw the messengers but they hid in a well until it was safe and then went to David.

Absalom's army, called from his supporters in Israel and led by Amasa met David's army led by Joab in the thick forest of Ephraim. During the battle, Absalom came upon some of David's men. He turned his mule and tried to escape, but as he rode beneath the branches of a big tree, his hair got caught. His mule kept going and he was left hanging in the air by his beautiful, long hair, to be captured and killed.

Tuesday

David was really upset when he heard of Absalom's death; he went up to the room over the gateway and cried, and the people's joy in their victory also turned to sadness. Joab scolded David, telling him he was acting as if he cared more for his enemies than those who were loyal to him; then David went out to meet and thank the people.

What sad stories we have this week! Because of David's sins with Bathsheba and Uriah, he didn't punish Amnon when he sinned. Maybe it was because David felt guilty or maybe he was worried that the people would say he wasn't being fair. Whatever the reason his ignoring the initial problem and then refusing to reconcile with Absalom allowed the hate to grow in Absalom's heart. It also meant that David couldn't see what was happening in his own city.

Solve the code below to see what could have fixed everything for David and Absalom.

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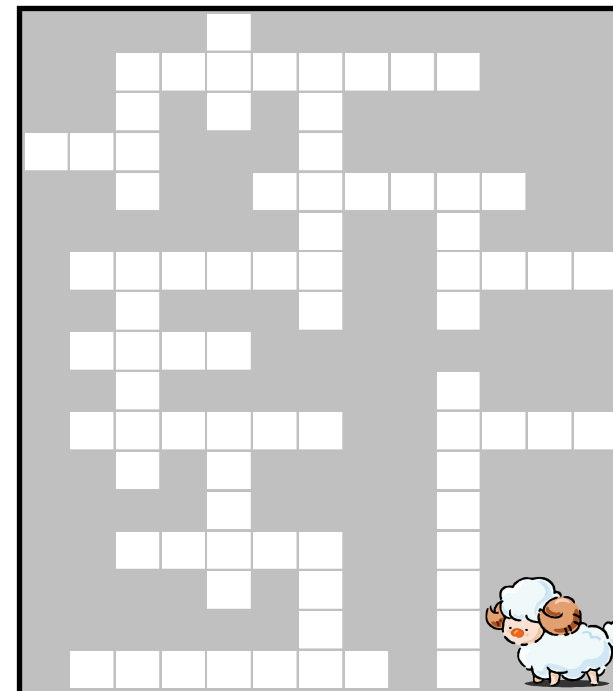
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Wednesday

Read the story that the prophet Nathan told to get King David's attention after he had Uriah killed in 2 Samuel 12:1-4 then fit these words from it into the grid.

"Two men town
rich poor many
sheep cattle little
lamb raised
children guest
arrived home
killing animal
prepared."

Hint: Start with the longest words.



Find the words from the story of the woman that Joab sent to David. You can read this story in 2 Samuel 14:5-20

"A widow had two sons, one who killed the other and was now condemned to die so now she would lose both of them."

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