



GOD IS...:
'WORTH'SHIP

2 Samuel 24



SEE ALSO 1 CHRON. 21

“The LORD... incited David” (2 Sam. 24:1)

“Satan...incited David” (1 Chron. 21:1)

Okay, which is it?

Erwin Lutzer “Even the devil is God’s devil.”

Sovereign God used Satan to fulfill His purposes

So, did God incite David to sin?

No. See James 1:13-15

Was counting evil? Not necessarily (Luke 14:31-33)

So, what was David's evil desire? Nearing death, he just had to know how many fighting men he had.

“Hmmm...Just how powerful am I?”

“Have I still got it?”

He knew better (Ps. 20:7; 25:1-2; 44:5-7)

THE 'CHECK ENGINE' LIGHT VS. 3

Joab, "but why?"

Once again, as in 2 Sam. 11, God placed people in David's life to speak sense to him.

Once again, David ignored wise counsel.

Are you learning to appreciate the people who serve as 'check engine' lights in your life?



Vss. 4-9 The census took place over the course of nearly ten months. Records showed 800K fighting men in Israel (northern kingdom) and 500K fighting men in Judah (southern kingdom)

Vs. 10 Brokenness (See Ps. 51 for an expanded view of genuine godly sorrow for sin.)



PICK YOUR POISON VSS. 11-13

3 Years of Famine?

3 months of fleeing enemies?

3 Days of Plague?

Vs. 14 Falling back on the character and nature of the unchanging One.

Everything true of God on your best day ever
is true of Him in your darkest night.

Vss. 15-17 Our sin never impacts just us... (Ex. 20:4)

Adam/Eve, Gen. 3; Pharoah, Ex. 7-11

Achan, Josh. 7; David, 2 Sam. 11-18

ARAUNAH'S GENEROSITY

Vss. 18-23 “Here are the oxen...the threshing sledges and ox yokes...”

70,000 were already dead, and
Death stopped at his door step. I think I would be
feeling generous, too.

DAVID'S RESPONSE

Vss. 24-25

“I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God
burnt offerings that cost me nothing.”

How do we do that?

What does an offering that costs nothing look like?



Mal. 1:6-10

2 Cor. 8:1-5



MATT. 22:21

If it bears Caesar's image,
give it to Caesar.

If it bears God's image,
give it to God