

THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE

Afterwards

- I. **A crucial moment in your life is the moment you see you missed it-What you do in that moment is big-Mt21:28**-A certain man had two sons and he came to the first and said, Son go work today in my vineyard.²⁹He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented and went.³⁰And he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go sir: and went not.³¹Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.³²For John came unto you in the way of righteousness and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.
- A. The publicans/harlots repented after they saw they missed it, the religious leaders did not-This is the difference in mercy or judgment
- B. The problem is not just the mistake, but the refusal to repent afterwards-The second son didn't go and never repented
- II. **The big issue is not the mistake but what you do AFTERWARDS-1Sm15:13**-Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the Lord: I have performed the commandment of the Lord.¹⁴And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? ¹⁵And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.¹⁹Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord...²⁰...Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord and have gone the way which the Lord sent me and have brought Agag the king...and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.²¹But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed... ²³For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and **STUBBORNNESS** is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.²⁴And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice-**2Sm12:9**-Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. ¹³And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die
- A. Saul lost his place because he wouldn't repent-**NOT** because he missed it
- B. David repented and didn't lose his place-Were other consequences likely because David knew it was wrong and didn't repent until God sent Nathan
- C. When you see that you have missed it, it's time to repent, NOW-Don't play, don't pretend, don't justify, don't explain, don't blame
- III. **Never underestimate the mercy God will show to a person who truly repents**
- A. Ahab-He was being corrected by The Lord (Elijah) because of what he did to Naboth-**1Ki16:33**-Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him-**1Ki21:25**-There was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in

the sight of the Lord...²⁶And he did very abominably in following idols...²⁷And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.²⁸And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,²⁹Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house-
Ez18:20-The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

- B. Manasseh-Acts worse than a heathen, built altars to false gods, worshipped them in the house of God, sacrificed children, practiced witchcraft-**2Ch33:11**-The Lord brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns and bound him with fetters and carried him to Babylon.¹²And when he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,¹³And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom.²²Amon (his son) did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as did Manasseh his father... ²³And humbled not himself before the Lord, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself... ²⁴And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.