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GOING OUT OF GOD'S WAY

2 SAMUEL 24:14

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- INTRODUCTION: THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT GOD'S WAY IS HIGHER THAN OUR WAYS. (ISAIAH 55:9)
- I. THE CONTEXT OF 2 SAM 24:14
 - A. WHAT DID DAVID DO? HE CHOSE THE WRONG WAY.
 - 1. THE GRAND CURTAIN OF DAVID'S LIFE WAS ABOUT TO COME DOWN (23:1A)
 - 2. THE GREATNESS OF DAVID'S SIN (24:1)
 - B. WHY DID DAVID DO THAT? HE CHOSE TO GLORIFY SELF.
 - 1. DAVID WAS CAUTIONED (24:3)
 - 2. DAVID'S CHOICE (24:2, 4)

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II. THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS TO CHOOSE FROM

A. GOD'S PRESCRIBED WAY

1. THE CHOICE AT THE BEGINNING (GEN 2:16–17)
2. THE CHOICE AT THE BOTTOM LINE (JOS 24:15)

B. MAN'S PREFERRED WAY

1. THE REFUSAL TO REPENT (JER 18:11–12)
2. THE REAPING OF WHAT THEY SOW (CF. GAL 6:7–8)

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III. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE WHO MESSED UP

A. BALAAM'S EXAMPLE (NUM 22)

1. GOD'S COMMAND (V12)
2. BALAAM'S CHOICE (V22FF)

B. JONAH'S EXAMPLE (JONAH 1:2-3, 17)

1. GOD'S COMMAND (1:1-2)
2. JONAH'S CHOICE (1:3A)

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CONCLUSION: WE NEVER NEED TO PUT OURSELVES IN A SITUATION SUCH AS THE ONE THAT DAVID FOUND HIMSELF IN. HOW? BY JUST ALWAYS CHOOSING TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT.

MATTHEW HENRY SAYS ...

- “MULTITUDES FORGET THE LORD AND HIS CHRIST, AND WANDER FROM THE ANCIENT PATHS, TO WALK IN WAYS OF THEIR OWN DEVISING. BUT WHAT WILL THEY DO IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT!”