

Rebellion and Redemption – Part 5

The controversy continues

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Rebellion and Redemption, studying the theme of the Great Controversy between good and evil. Our topic today: The controversy continues

Scripture Theme Song: I will praise You, O LORD (Ps. 9:1-2)

- 1) King David
 - a) Victory over Goliath
 - i) 1 Samuel 17:43-51 What was the secret of David's success in his conflict with Goliath?
 - ii) What lesson can we learn for our lives today?
 - b) Failure with Bathsheba
 - i) 2 Samuel 11:1-5
 - ii) 2 Samuel 11:6-17
 - c) Genuine repentance – Psalm 51:10-12
- 2) The prophet Elijah
 - a) 1 Kings 17:1 What can we learn about Elijah from this single verse?
 - b) 1 Kings 18:21-24, 25-29, 30-39
 - c) 1 Kings 19:1-4 – What lesson can we learn from Elijah's experience after Mount Carmel?
- 3) King Hezekiah
 - a) 2 Kings 18:1-5 – a brief history of Hezekiah
 - b) 2 Kings 18:7-16 – What are your thoughts about Hezekiah's initial response to the king of Assyria?
 - c) 2 Kings 19:14-19 – response to further threats
 - d) 2 Kings 19:35-37 – supernatural deliverance
 - e) How can we learn to trust in the LORD when facing apparently insurmountable obstacles?
- 4) Queen Esther
 - a) Esther 3:8-11 – death decree
 - b) Esther 4:13-17 – Mordecai's challenge and Esther's response
 - c) Esther 8:1-8 What are your thoughts about this remarkable change by King Ahasuerus?
 - d) What important lessons can we learn from this story for our lives today?
- 5) Nehemiah, the cupbearer
 - a) Nehemiah 1:1-11 What can we learn about the king's cupbearer from his response to the news from Jerusalem?
 - b) Nehemiah 2:16-18 – How was Nehemiah able to convince the inhabitants of Jerusalem to rebuild the walls? (see v.11)
 - c) Nehemiah 4:21-23 What important lesson can we learn from Nehemiah as we consider the work God wants to accomplish in our day?
- 6) Discussion questions
 - a) What do all of these Bible characters have in common? What differences do you see?
 - b) What promises in Scripture give us assurance of God's presence and assistance when we are facing challenges in our lives?
 - i) Psalm 50:15; Isaiah 41:10; Deut. 31:6
 - ii) Others?