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III. DAVID'S TROUBLES—17
Suffering As A Man After God's Own Heart
"The Champion and the Senseless Census"
2 Samuel 24:1-25

Introduction. _____

**I. FIRST, NOTICE DAVID'S INCOMING
TEMPTATION (2 Samuel 24:1-10).**

- A. First, notice a real *problem*.
- B. Secondly, note a revealing *proposition*.
- C. Thirdly, consider the recognizable *provocation*. [12:1].
- D. Fourthly, look at a required *precept* [24:2].
- E. Fifthly, examine Joab's *plea* [24:3].

**II. SECONDLY, CONSIDER DAVID'S
INDIFFERENT TRANSGRESSION (2
Samuel 24:4-9).**

- A. First, notice the census taking *commencement* [24:4-7].
- B. Secondly, note the census-taking *conclusion*. [24:8-9; 1 Chronicles 21:1-7].

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**III. THIRDLY, NOTE DAVID'S INSPIRING
TESTIMONY (2 Samuel 24:10).**

- A. First, notice the word "smote." [24:10a].
- B. Secondly, note the word "sinned" [24:10b].
- C. Thirdly, consider the word "foolishly" [24:10c].

**INSERT: A FEW PRINCIPLES THAT RELATE TO
THE CONSCIENCE:**

- **Principle #1—God created the conscience to _____ a warning against spiritual danger [1 Timothy 1:18-19].**
- **Principle #2—God allows the conscience to _____ against spiritual error.**
- **Principle #3—God will allow the conscience to _____ or become seared, if it is repeatedly ignored [Ephesians 4:18-19].**

**IV. FOURTHLY, OBSERVE DAVID'S
IMPENDING _____ (2 Samuel 24:11-16).**

- A. First, there is the _____ from the prophet Gad [24:11-12].
- B. Secondly, there are the _____ the prophet presents to David [24:13-14].

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C. Thirdly, there is the _____ as punishment for David's sin [24:15-16].

APPLICATION: Note three definite applications that can be made from this portion of Scripture:

- **Application #1—No one will ever outgrow the _____ or attraction of sin.**
- **Application #2—No one should ever underestimate the _____ of sin.**
- **Application #3—No one should ever ignore the _____ and instructions of their conscience.**

V. FIFTHLY, EXAMINE DAVID'S IMPORTANT _____ (2 Samuel 24:17-25).

- A. First, David's _____ proved that he was saved.
- B. Secondly, David, taking _____ for his own sin proved that He was saved [2 Samuel 24:17].
- C. Thirdly, David meeting _____ at a specific place He has appointed proved he was saved [24:18].

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D. Fourthly, David's immediate _____ for Araunah was more proof that he was saved [24:21-23].

E. Fifthly, David's knowledge that only a _____ can atone for sin proved he was saved {24:25a}.

F. Sixthly, David's knowledge that he owes his _____ to Jesus and does what he can to show gratitude to Him proved he was saved [24:24].

G. Seventhly, David's enjoyment of a _____ proved he was saved [24:25b].