

The Lord's Great Mercy

2 Samuel 24

Key Verse: 24:14

* DAVID'S CENSUS AND ALTAR (24:1–25)

1. What did David do? (1–2) What could be the motive for this? How did Joab respond, and how did David overrule him? (3–4) What were the census tallies? (5–9) Afterwards, what did David confess? (10) How David's census caused a plague, how he repented and took a shepherd's responsibility for his people (24:10,14,17). What were the Lord's three options, which did David choose, and what happened? (11–16) How did David show himself a shepherd? (17)
2. What direction did God give David through Gad? (18–19) How did God instruct him to turn away his wrath? (24:18–19,24–25) How does God's way of dealing with sin in this event point to Jesus? (Ro3:25a) How did David insist on paying for the site and materials for the altar and offering? (20–25a) What happened? (25b) What is the historical significance of this site? (1Ch22:1) What can we learn in chapter 24 about God and about the priestly role of a shepherd king?
3. Summarize what you learn in this lesson about God and about David's leadership. What kind of leader does God want us to be?