

of the body and blood of the Lord."

Young Rich ruler example of this- Kept commandments etc

5. "WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO REMISSION"

Num. 35:33 Only the blood of Joab could atone for the blood he had shed. Nothing else could cleanse the land. For the innocent blood there must be the guilty blood---- How different with our Lord!

When a man goes to the well thirsty, his thirst is not satisfied by merely going there, but by what he draws out and drinks that satisfies. So you souls need will not be satisfied by clinging to an altar but by partaking of the sacrifice on the altar.

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CLINGING TO THE ALTAR 1 Kings 2: 28

The Man: Joab Leader of Davids army.

War against Abner, Joabs Bro. killed in the battle, Abner is defeated, Joab slays Abner.

War with Ammonites

War against Absalom's rebellion, Kills Absalom

David replaces Joab with Amasa 2 S. 19:13; Kills Amasa

I. JOAB IN THE DAY OF SECURITY

- 1. Position - High, elevated,
- 2. Religion- cared not for the altar worship...

No convictions--- murder etc.

II. JOAB IN THE DAY OF ADVERSITY

- 1. Solomon carrying out God's commands.
 - The High Priest put out of office- v.26
 - Adonijah put to death- v. 24

2. Joab knew his time was next- v.28

3. Joab's flight to the altar- v28

A. External Religion when death threaten.

No one pursued Joab, his guilty conscience sent him, there
No man pursued Adam in the Garden yet he fled from God
Adam Heard the voice of God & his conscience
spoke to him. I was afraid, naked, hid myself.
Adam warned of death when sin-

B. Men who depend upon external rites will perish.

Joab thought if only get hold of the altar.

III. JOAB TYPICAL OF DEFLIANT SINNER

1. HE CAME TO THE ALTAR TO LATE

The time for justice had arrived-day of mercy had passed.
Had he come before as a worshipper

2. RECEIVED JUDGMENT WITHOUT MERCY

Ex. 21:14 Sol. knew the law that the altar would not give
protection to a willful murder

*Man in hospital - said to brother - you warned me - I would
never you sign - I should have gone to church. This past
week, accident.*

3. PUNISHMENT OF SIN SURE EVEN IF SEEMS SLOW

Joab no doubt thought day of punishment had passed, he
thought God Had forgotten

34 yrs. since Abner's blood had been shed...

8 yrs. since Amasa was murdered by Joab....

Had given up all fear of punishment.

4. AWFUL TO PERISH WITH YOUR HANDS ON THE ALTAR OF GOD

Misery of the sinners heart carried him there-& yet
he perished.

Many people are clinging to the altar today & perishing-
1Cor. 11:27 "wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and
drink this cup of the Lord unworthily shall be guilty