

wk 3

Perversions/Conversions

I. Perversions fr. good to bad emotions

A. Balaam - a pagan "prophet" during time of Moses.

1. good beginning - the king of Moab tries 3x to bribe Balaam w/ honors & riches in return for cursing Israelites. Instead, he blesses the Israelites, however infuriated it makes the king. With daring, he even prophesied that Israel would crush Moab. Nbs 22-24 (esp v. 10-13).
2. bad end - perverted desire. Nbs 25:1-3 the sin of Peor - the daughters of Moab lure the Jewish men into adultery & idolatry (Rev. 2:14), Nbs 31:1-18 (esp. v. 16) bec. of Balaam 2 Pt. 2:14-22 (esp. v. 14) bec. of his greed Jude 11-16 (esp. v. 14) who is now in hell.

B. King Saul - fr. daring to sinful fear

1. good beginning - courageous leader in battle (1 Sam. 11).
2. bad end -
bec. of fear of the people, he disobeys God (1 Sam. 15)
" " " " David (1 Sam 18:12, 16, 29) and
" " anger at the Israelites who praised David more than Saul (1 Sam 18:8), Saul became envious (1 Sam 18:9).
The next day an evil spirit seized upon Saul (1 Sam 18:10).
Saul tried to kill David (1 Sam. 19:10 & 23:19-28).
Saul killed the priests of Nob for helping David (1 Sam 22),
eventho David spared Saul's life 2x (1 Sam 24 & 26).

C. King Solomon fr. godly to perverted desire.

1. good start - prayed for wisdom (1 Kgs. 3:9-12).
2. bad end - 700 wives, 300 concubines who were foreigners. They swayed his heart away fr. God to foreign gods, building shrines to them & worshipping them & being a bad example to the people. Since he disobeyed God who appeared 2x to him, God said the kingdom would be torn into two (1 Kgs 11:1-13).

II. Conversions fr. bad to good feelings

A. St. Paul - fr. evil to good jealousy

1. evil jealousy - Gal 1:14 (Tried to destroy the Church).
2. conversion - AA9:1-19, AA22:1-21, AA26:1-18, 1Tm1:12-17.
3. good jealousy - 2 Cor. 11:2 (against false teachers).

B. the Apostles - fr. fear to daring

1. evil fear - storm at sea (Mt. 8:23-27).
 - ran when * was arrested (Mk 14:50).
 - Peter denied * 3x (Mt. 26:69-75).
 - Peter hid after *'s death (Jn 20:19).
2. Pentecost - the HS infused them w/ gift of courage (AA2:4).
3. good daring - they boldly preached (AA2 etc),
 - tho threatened by Jewish leaders (AA4:18-21),
 - scourged w/ rejoicing (AA5:40),
 - imprisoned (AA5:18, etc),
 - martyred (AA12:2).

C. the jailer - fr. despair to joy (AA16:25-34).

1. he tried to commit suicide
2. Paul & Silas were instruments of conversion for his family
3. everybody celebrated.