

Dig-a-bit Month 7 Episode 4
The God of More: The God of More Sorrow for Sin
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Kids and Sadness for Sin - Part Two

Now, Maggie, can you or Ellis think of another time? Let's think of a couple more times when God really showed us that he was sad about sin. There's several of them.

When God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.

Oh, that is a great one. When God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Did he destroy it with a flood?

No, it was a fire. You got it backwards.

Yeah, I got it backwards. He destroyed it with...

A fire.

A fire, that's right.

And then...Lot's wife felt it—that she had sinned because she turned into a pillar of...

What did she do? What did Lot's wife do to turn into...?

She looked back when God told her not to look back.

That's right. She looked back when God told her not to look back. And that made God very sad. But she was punished by turning into a pillar of...

Salt and...But I was thinking about when Nebuchadnezzar threw Daniel in the lion's den.

Oh. Do you think that made God sad when Nebuchadnezzar did that?

Yes, because...and Nebuchadnezzar repented and came to the den and told whoever it was. If he was okay, and he said yes. Yeah, Daniel, if he was okay.

Yeah, but I'm trying to think about this, and I don't have my Bible open right now, but I think Nebuchadnezzar was the one that threw Shadrach...

Yeah, but who was it that threw Daniel and the Lion's den?

Well I think that was...

King Darius.

You got it, Maggie. Who was it?

King Darius. I know one.

Let's finish this one first. So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego got thrown into what? What did they get thrown into?

A big, like, fiery furnace.

Yes, it was a fiery furnace that they got thrown into. And that was King Nebuchadnezzar. But why did they get thrown into that fiery furnace?

It was seven times harder than usual. And Darius...

No, we're on Nebuchadnezzar now.

Yeah, Nebuchadnezzar...

He wanted them to...

Bow. But they refused to bow because they wanted to worship God and not bow to the statue. And they got thrown in the den, I mean the fiery furnace, because they weren't worshipping the idol.

That's right. When were they supposed to worship the idol? What was the signal that they were supposed to be listening for to make them know that it was time to worship the idol?

Music that the music people were playing.

And they had like two or three chances to bow down to them and they lost all their chances and got in the fiery furnace.

Yeah, they lost all their chances to bow down. And so Nebuchadnezzar threw them in the fiery furnace. But God was sad about Nebuchadnezzar's sin. And how do we know that God was sad about Nebuchadnezzar's sin? Because who ended up being in the furnace?

Well I was thinking of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abend...Abednego. Yeah, Abednego. But I was thinking about when...

But who else came into the Fiery Furnace with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

The angel. And when they came out, they didn't sound like smoke at all. It would be false if you said they did.

Yeah, it would really be false if you said they did, because who was taking care of the righteous people that were in the fiery furnace?

God, but I think about when they built the golden calf.

Okay, all right. That is another time that God was very sad, but let's park right here in Daniel for just a minute. Before we go to the golden calf, let's park at Daniel for just a minute and talk about...The one that we were talking about that was king. Who was the other king besides Nebuchadnezzar?

Darius.

Yeah.

And King Darius was the king. And he didn't want anybody to pray to anybody, did he? Except—But there were some wicked people who were really wanting Daniel to get in trouble. And so what did they find?

I forgot, but. Yeah.

Well, I bet Maggie knows.

What did those wicked people that wanted Daniel to get in trouble, what did they find?

They found him praying, and he had his window open, facing towards Jerusalem. And so people could see him and tell King Darius.

He wasn't even ashamed, was he, of praying. He was proud that he was praying to God because that's what he had always done, wasn't it? Did those people who were jealous of Daniel, did that, was God sad about their sin?

Yes, because, yes because. They were sinning, and if baptism was right then, they could have got baptized. But if you thought the baptism was real, you could tell a parent, and they might know.

Yes, you always ask your parents, don't you? If you have questions about anything spiritual, you ask your parents. But where do your parents have to look to know all the answers? All parents don't know all the answers. But who does have all the answers?

Jesus and God and the Holy Spirit. And they all know everything.

But where do we find the answers?

The Bible.

That's right. We find all the answers in the Bible. And about baptism, baptism for the remission of our sins hadn't happened yet, had it? Until Jesus died.

The key to get the Bible in your heart is reading the Bible and knowing and hearing the word, but not just hearing the word, hearing, doing the word.

And is there a verse in James about being doers of the word?

Yes, I think that is James 3 or James 1. Probably James 1.

And in that verse, it says, be ye doers.

Doers of the word and not hearers only and deceiving yourselves for if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer he is like a man observing his face in a mirror for he observes himself and goes away and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. And I'm doing a speech about that, and it's about nutcrackers, and it says...

This is the middle of my speech, and it says, this is in the beginning, but it says, I watch a video about nut crackers to test whether or not they can crack a nut, and it is called real versus fake, and there can be real and fake Christians, like... Nebuchadnezzar, he thought, I don't know this, but I think he thought that the idol was a real God.

That was a problem in the Old Testament, wasn't it? They would have a stone or a piece of wood. And when we've been studying about this, ladies and Jeremiah, we studied about this just in our last dig-a-bit, how that they could have a stone or a piece of wood, and they could talk to it, and think it was going to help them. But that stone or that piece of wood could not help them. And when somebody worships a stone or a piece of wood, it makes God very, very sad. Now Maggie's been raising her hand for a little bit, so let's see what she wants to say.

I thought about Nebuchadnezzar when he got turned into a wild beast. God was really sad about what he had done, so God punished Nebuchadnezzar with turning him into a wild beast for a little while. And the Bible says his nails grew long and his hair grew long, too.

He grew like a wild animal, didn't he? And God really showed Nebuchadnezzar, I am not happy about sin, in fact. I'm very sorrowful for sin, and sin always has to be punished. Now, our last thing that we want to say is really full circle. It's where Ellis started out. What did God do at Calvary that showed us how sad he is about the sin in the world? What did he do?

I think I've already said this, but he died on the cross for us so we could go to heaven.

That's right. That's right. He gave his only son. If he didn't mind sin, would he have had to give his son?

When we were close to being done with James. It says when he offered up his son on the altar.

Well, that was Abraham, offered up his son on the altar. But he didn't really have to go all the way through with the death, did he? Abraham didn't. But who went all the way through with the death?

He first thought Jesus really wanted him to do it. And he really would do it, but we don't know if he was scared or not and we don't know what anything in the Bible looks like. But the Bible tells us. It doesn't tell us what the Bible looks like. It just tells us what people said and did.

And that's about Abraham. We don't know all of the details. But we know one person who did die. And that was a perfect person. The Bible says he did no sin. Maggie, who was that?

Jesus.

And that is the ultimate picture of God's sorrow for sin, was when Jesus said, it is finished. And what was finished then? Do you know? Do you know, Maggie?

His death.

But more importantly than that, our salvation was finished. Our salvation was finished because his blood was shed for us, and all we have to do now is obey him.

That's true because if we don't obey him or if we lie, we'll get in prison and won't go to heaven.

Well, that's true. And where, Maggie, is the eternal prison? The Bible talks about it as a prison that the devil wants us to be in. Where is that eternal prison?

Hell.

And we don't want to be there, do we?

No! We're happy that God gave us a Bible. And not just one Bible, like 255.

Everybody who wants a Bible today can have a Bible, can't they? We're going to make sure that if we can do anything about it, everybody in the world can read the Word. And I want to say thank you so much for joining me today. Did you enjoy being here? Because I really enjoyed having you.

Yes.

Yes,

We're not on a live stream sermon— we're just at a hotel and we're about to go to bed.

That's right. We are, but it's kind of like our little studio for tonight, isn't it? And Maggie, I really thank you for being here. Did you enjoy it?

Yes.

Well, I think you'll probably hear from some ladies who listen to you and I think they'll say they learned a lot tonight because I learned a lot. It makes me very happy.

Yes, me too. I love doing Dig-a-bit.

Oh, good. You knew what it was called, didn't you? Good. Okay, well, can you tell all the ladies bye?

Bye!

Bye!

Wherever you are sometime I want to come see you. Bye, me too. All right, y'all have a good day. Bye.