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Call to Worship

Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my plea!
Answer me because you are faithful and righteous.
Don't put your servant on trial, for no one is innocent before you.
Psalm 143:1-2

Welcome & Prayer

Praise & Worship

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 21:1-17 NLT

1 Satan rose up against Israel and caused David to take a census of the people
of Israel. 2 So David said to Joab and the commanders of the army, "Take a cen-
sus of all the people of Israel—from Beersheba in the south to Dan in the
north—and bring me a report so I may know how many there are."

3 But Joab replied, "May the LORD increase the number of his people a hundred
times over! But why, my lord the king, do you want to do this? Are they not all
your servants? Why must you cause Israel to sin?"

4 But the king insisted that they take the census, so Joab traveled throughout all
Israel to count the people. Then he returned to Jerusalem 5 and reported the
number of people to David. There were 1,100,000 warriors in all Israel who could
handle a sword, and 470,000 in Judah. 6 But Joab did not include the tribes of
Levi and Benjamin in the census because he was so distressed at what the king
had made him do.

7 God was very displeased with the census, and he punished Israel for it. 8 Then
David said to God, "I have sinned greatly by taking this census. Please forgive
my guilt for doing this foolish thing."

9 Then the LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer. This was the message: 10 "Go and
say to David, 'This is what the LORD says: I will give you three choices. Choose
one of these punishments, and I will inflict it on you.'"

11 So Gad came to David and said, "These are the choices the LORD has given
you. 12 You may choose three years of famine, three months of destruction by
the sword of your enemies, or three days of severe plague as the angel of the
LORD brings devastation throughout the land of Israel. Decide what answer I
should give the LORD who sent me."

13 "I'm in a desperate situation!" David replied to Gad. "But let me fall into the
hands of the LORD, for his mercy is very great. Do not let me fall into human
hands."

14 So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel, and 70,000 people died as a result. 15
And God sent an angel to destroy Jerusalem. But just as the angel was preparing
to destroy it, the LORD relented and said to the death angel, "Stop! That is
enough!" At that moment the angel of the LORD was standing by the threshing floor
of Araunah the Jebusite.

16 David looked up and saw the angel of the LORD standing between heaven and
earth with his sword drawn, reaching out over Jerusalem. So David and the lead-
ers of Israel put on burlap to show their deep distress and fell face down on the
ground. 17 And David said to God, "I am the one who called for the census! I am
the one who has sinned and done wrong! But these people are as innocent as
sheep—what have they done? O LORD my God, let your anger fall against me and
my family, but do not destroy your people."

Sermon

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Pastor Roger

Offering

Sending Song

Closing

Sermon Notes