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**Speaker-AM:** Josh Vinyard

**Title:** Lessons From The Prophets

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[tinyurl.com/JoshProphets](https://tinyurl.com/JoshProphets)

**Speaker-PM:** Patrick Hite

**Title:** Born Of God

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## 1 Kings 13:4

King James Version

And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

CHILDREN BORN NOT OF  
BLOOD, NOR OF THE  
DESIRE OR WILL OF MAN,  
BUT BORN OF GOD.

- JOHN 1:13



### Molehills To Mountains, 6/9/2023 By Sam Bunyard

We might think small departures from God's pattern don't really affect anything in the grand scheme of things. But history proves to us that it doesn't take long for a spiritual molehill to become a mountain. Small issues can quickly devolve into large issues if they are not addressed. Lapses in judgment can become sin, and one sin can lead to another.

The case is made by the sin of David. King David – giant slayer, psalm writer, and man after God's own heart; but also, a liar, adulterer, and murderer. How did this happen? Molehills were allowed to become mountains.

“One evening David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was beautiful to behold. So, David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said... ‘Is this not the wife of Uriah?’ Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her” (II Sam. 11:2-4).

As a result of this adultery, Bathsheba conceived a son. David hastily arranged for Uriah to come home from war and spend time with his wife to attempt to deceitfully cover up his sin. Uriah thought it unfair that he should enjoy the company of his wife as his brothers-in-arms were suffering away from home, so David arranged for Uriah to die in battle to escape the consequences of his sin. In the span of one short chapter (II Sam 11), Israel's greatest King had committed adultery and lied and killed to conceal it. Those are some big mountains!

The molehill? “It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle... but David remained at Jerusalem” (II Sam 11:1). While not a sin itself, David's poor judgment set him up for failure. We must make sure to squash the molehills in our lives!



## Our Mixed-Up Topsy-Turvy Society, 6/7/2023 by Dennis Abernathy

Our society can be described as running toward chaos. I am 77 years old, and today's society is not the culture I grew up in. We are seeing more and more what the apostle Paul describes as "perilous times" (II Timothy 3:1-5). Today's society is described in Isaiah 5. People were greedy, drinking had become a way of life, and enslaved to sin, they confused moral distinctions, to the extent that they could not discern between true and false values. They "called evil good, put darkness for light, and light for darkness, put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter" (Isaiah 5:20). Today, drinking is equated with a good time, sexual immorality is considered the gratification of a natural and normal urge, and rebellion against authority is looked upon as normal and right. More and more people are self-deceived and trust in their own fallible wisdom, believing they are "wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight" (Isaiah 5:21). Justice is perverted, and more often than not, the wicked go free, while the innocent are punished (Isaiah 5:23). More and more people can be described as "Doing that which is right in their own eyes" (Judges 17:6; 21: 25). Lawlessness and chaos reign. We are seeing this, not only in government but also in private lives and religion.

Why are we heading in the direction we are heading? I believe at the core of immorality is unbelief in God and His Word, and the belief that man is wise enough to "direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10: 23). Modern philosophy, driven by rejection of God and His Word, only has the gratification of self as the standard to guide men. What we are witnessing is described for us in Romans 1:21, and it is not a pretty picture. People are becoming "futile (confused) in their thinking and their foolish hearts are darkened and professing to be wise, they are rather becoming fools." More and more we are becoming a society and culture where people's desires, ambitions, and personal satisfaction is taking precedence, and a coming judgment of God is seemingly forgotten by a vast majority of people.

My plea is for people to wake up to righteousness, and come to their senses. Think on these things.