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King David Failed As A Parent
2Sam. 13:1-39

David having been confronted with his sin by Nathan the prophet, acknowledged and made confession of his sin.

1. The enemies of God, blasphemed God.
2. The child died.

And though David would not die and was forgiven, yet God declared that the consequences of his sins would not be removed from his life, he would have great difficulties the rest of his life.

* What came to take place in David's life was not God taking vengeance out on David, but David reaping to what he had sown. Gal. 6:7-9

Though children are not judged for the sins of the parents, nor parents for the sins of the children, yet parental examples are transmitted to each generation. Ezk. 18:20

1. There has to be a breaking of sin by accepting Christ, being forgiven, to change one's ways.
2. If not, sinful life-styles will continue from one generation to the next and get worse.

* God has not dealt according to our sins. Ps. 103:10

David was a king that failed as a parent. Yes, you may be a Christian; you may be successful in your business; you may be successful where you work, but all of that adds up to nothing, if you fail at home.

* Jesus said, "You shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, the ends of the earth", home comes first, Jerusalem! Acts 1:8

Children are a reflection of what of the home, as the rule, though certainly there are exceptions, where godly parents, have children of the devil.

1. Too often in our day children are neglected.
2. Too often there is a lack instruction and discipline, if any at all.

My child will, for the most part, be a by-product of me, what I say and do and who I am.

1. Paul says, "Provoke not your children to wrath." Eph. 6:4
2. We as parents, are to take time to minister, instruct, train, discipline, pray for, and supervise our children.
3. Christian schools and churches are no substitute for parenting!

One of the qualifications for an elder is, "one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God? 1Tim. 3:4-5

* This is affirmed, “having faithful children not accursed of dissipation or insubordination.’ Titus 1:6

How diligent and consistent are you, regarding your children, or perhaps not?

1. Teaching them how to disobey!
2. Teaching them how far they can push you!

David failed as a parent, this continues to be one of the reasons why so many children are confused and lost today, they have no models as children.

1. David didn’t seem to teach and discipline his children diligently.
2. He had married wives that weren’t of Israel.

The setting for our text is that David had just conquered Rabbah, the city of the Ammonites and has made them labors for Israel, but the glorious days of David were over, all he would be able to do is remember them.

* David’s life went downhill after his sin with Bathsheba, he was never the same man!

It is after this event that we are told what took place in David’s house, regarding his daughter, Tamar and his sons, Amnon and Absalom.

* I am a child of God, I have been forgiven of my sins. Yet in the life of the Spirit I have the free will to choose what I’m going to do. I can make some decisions that will affect my life in many ways. It

will not change the ultimate plan of God, but it will affect my life and those in relationship to me.

The sins of David are manifested in his own family. 2Sam. 13:1-39

- I. The vile rape of Tamar by Amnon. vs. 1-14
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- III. The vengeance on Amnon by Absalom. vs. 23-39

I. The vile rape of Tamar by Amnon. vs. 1-14

- A. The perverse desire of Amnon for his sister was revealed. vs. 1-2
 1. The account is dated by the phrase after this”.
 - a. The phrase refers to the defeat of Ammon and the conquest of the city of Rabbah. vs. 1a
 - b. David had taken the city and brought them under servitude. 2Sam. 12:29-31
 2. The characters involved in the tragic event are three, all are related. vs. 1a-c
 - a. Absalom the son of David. vs. 1a
 - 1) Absalom was the third son of David by Maacah, the daughter of Talmi, the king of Geshur, in Hebron. 2Sam. 3:3d-g

- 2) The name Absalom “Abiyshalown” means “my father is peace”.
- 3) His name appears 103 times in Second Samuel.
- b. Tamar, the sister of Absalom. vs. 1a-b
 - 1) She was of beautiful appearance.
 - 2) Her name Tamar “taw-mawr” means palm-tree, whose mother was also Maacah.
- c. Amnon the son of David loved her. vs. 1c
 - 1) Amnon was the first born of David by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, in Hebron. 2Sam. 3:2b
 - 2) Amnon was first heir to the throne.
 - 3) Amnon had an unnatural love for his sister Tamar, he “loved her.”
 - a) His love was sexual lust, not love at all.
 - b) Eros is sexual love, Phileo is emotional love, Agape is God’s love, to enhance these two love, rather than abuse and misuse them.
- 3. The condition of Amnon is described. vs. 3
 - a. Amnon was going through mental and emotional conflict over his inordinate lust for his half-sister. vs. 2
 - 1) The word distressed “yatsar” means to bind or be cramped, being in turmoil. vs. 2a

- 2) So much so, that he became sick. vs. 2a
- b. Amnon was also in mental and emotional turmoil over how he could get to Tamar sexually. vs. 2b-c
 - 1) The reason was she was a virgin, under protective care by the king.
 - 2) The other reason was that he knew it was improper to do anything sexual to her. vs. 2b-c
- B. The perverse council of Jonadab was related to Amnon. vs. 3-5
 - 1. Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab. vs. 3
 - a. Jonadab is called a friend, but in view of the council, their friendship was partners in evil. vs. 3a
 - 1) The word “But” marks the contrast between the distress of Amnon and evil solution to his problem.
 - 2) The name Jonadab “Yawnadab” means “Yahweh is willing”, he was a dishonor to his name.
 - b. Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David’s brother. vs. 3a-b
 - 1) That meant they were cousins.
 - 2) He was the nephew to David.
 - * 1Sam. 17:13
 - c. Jonadab was a very crafty man. vs. 3c

- 1) The word crafty “chakan” means shrewd, wily and prudent, but regarding evil.
 - 2) The extent of his evil is described as very “m’od”, meaning exceedingly.
 - 3) The two cousins joined forces to bring about the evil plan to a virgin in Israel, their sister and cousin.
2. Jonadab saw his cousin Amnon distraught and inquired from him. vs. 4
 - a. He asked him, why being the king’s son, he was losing so much weight, every day? vs. 4a-c
 - b. He asked, “Will you not tell me?” vs. 4d
 - * We get a hint the king’s sons always got their way in the kingdom.
 - c. Amnon told him, “I love Tamar, my brother Absalom’s sister.” vs. 4e-g
 - 1) He confessed his inappropriate lust for his half-sister!
 - 2) Just like his father David, who had lusted after Bathsheba.
 3. Jonadab devised an evil plan for Amnon to seduce Tamar. vs. 5
 - a. He told Amnon to pretend he was sick in bed. vs. 5a-b
 - b. He then told Amnon, when his father, came to see him, to request Tamar to

- come and prepare food before him. to eat from her hand. vs. 5c-g
- C. The deceptive plan was implemented to realize the rape. vs. 6-14
 1. The plan was executed by Amnon, requesting Tamar to be sent. vs. 6-7
 - a. Amnon pretended to be sick and made his request to David his father. vs. 6
 - b. David commanded Tamar to tend to Amnon with some food. vs. 7
 2. Tamar obeyed her father and went to her brother Amnon. vs. 8-10
 - a. Tamar went to her brother Amnon’s house and prepared him food. vs. 8
 - b. Tamar offered him food, refusing it, he ordered all out of the room. vs. 9
 - c. Amnon, then told Tamar to bring the food to the bedroom, that he might eat from her hand and she did so. vs. 10
 3. The treacherous entrapment of Tamar by Amnon gratified his sexual lust. vs. 11-14
 - a. Amnon took hold of Tamar and said to her, “Come, lie with me, my sister.” vs. 11
 - b. Tamar pleaded with Amnon to stop. vs. 12
 - 1) She reminded him of their relation, “No, my brother.” vs. 12a-c

- 2) She warned him, denying him consent, “do not force me.” vs. 12d
- 3) She declared the evil, “for no such thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful thing!” vs. 12e-f
- c. Tamar told Amnon about the irreversible consequences. vs. 13
 - 1) She would be dishonored, “And I, where could I take my shame?” vs. 13a-b
 - 2) He would be a vile senseless person, “And as for you, you would be like one of the fools in Israel.” vs. 13c-d
 - 3) She gave him an option to do it the right way, pleading, “Now therefore, please speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you.” vs. 13e-g
 - a) Marriages of half brothers and sisters were forbidden. Lev. 18:11
 - b) Though, they existed, such as Abraham and Sarah.
- d. Amnon had his way with Tamar, despite all her attempts to stop him. vs. 14
 - 1) Amnon would not heed her voice, he would not be denied, he took her, just as his father David, had taken Bathsheba. vs. 14a-b

- 2) Amnon was stronger than her and laid with her. vs. 14c-d
 - a) He did not fear his father, in fact he involved David in his sin.
 - b) David did not know his children and without doubt never brought consequences to them, like Eli.

Illustration

In 18 years, your child sleeps 1/3 of those years, 6 years, another 1/3 are in some form of institution, making it 12 years, 3 years they are infants, a total of 15 years, that means you only have 3 years to mold and shape your child!

** How much time out of those 3 years do you spend with your child individually?*

Application

1. Fathers, as the head of the home, you are to be a model for your children, demonstrating evidence of the power of God in your life.
 - a. I can tell my child all about the power of God, how He can change people. But if they don't see it in my life at home, then it won't register in his mind and heart.
 - b. “The hard-working farmer must be first to partake of the crops.” 2Tim. 2:6
2. As a father, I am to stimulate a desire in my children to possess and obtain like qualities.
 - a. Today there are very bad role models, in the home and society.

- b. There are very few heroes of good, most are immoral and vulgar.
- c. The kind of games and entertainment children have, does not allow them to be children very long, desensitizing children.
- d. I am to stimulate my child to imitate me by example and instruction.
 - a. Use discretion regarding T.V. , music, etc
 - b. Be consistent in your role model and the standards for the home, as parents!
 - c. The principle is given by Paul, “The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.” Phil. 4:9
- 3. As a father, I am commanded to teach my children. Deut. 6:4-9, 11:16-28
 - a. The evident of my love for my children is by teaching them God’s word.
 - b. Teach them to think, to be discrete and wise.
 - c. Commandment with promise to combat the influence of the world. Deut. 11:16-28
 - e. All the instruction needed are in the word.
 - 1) Job said, “I esteem God’s Word more than my daily substance. Even though you slay me, Lord, yet will I trust in You.” Job 13:15a-b
 - 2) “And you, **fathers**, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in

- the training and admonition of the Lord.” Eph 6:4
- 3) “**Fathers**, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.” Col. 3:21
- 4. As a father I am to know my children, who they are, how they think, and who they associate with, lest I be naive or worst indifferent about their sinful activities and evil.
 - a. “Even a **child** is known by his deeds, Whether what he does is pure and right.” Prov. 20:11
 - b. “He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore do not **associate** with one who flatters with his lips.” Prov. 20:19
 - c. My son, fear the LORD and the king; Do not associate with those given to change; For their calamity will rise suddenly, And who knows the ruin those two can bring?” Prov. 24:21-22
 - d. “Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but **associate** with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.” Rom. 12:16
 - e. “Abstain from every form of evil.” 1Thess. 5:22
- 5. I will be duplicating myself in my children.
 - a. Your family is a reflection of yourself.
 - b. Your family is the nucleus of society.
 - c. Your family will effect society, for evil or good.

- 1) “Let no one despise your youth, but be an **example** to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” 1Tim. 4:12
- 2) I am to be a model to my children, know and instruct them in the word!

The vile rape of Tamar by Amnon was treacherous!

II. The various responses over the rape of Tamar. vs. 15-22

- A. The accomplished lust of Amnon for Tamar resulted in conduct more vile, after the rape. vs. 15-17
 1. Amnon despised Tamar now. vs. 15a-b
 - a. His thoughts and emotions are recorded, “Amnon hated her exceedingly.” vs. 15a
 - b. His measure was before and after, “so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her.” vs. 15b
 - 1) He saw her as common, defiled!
 - 2) Three times his hate for Tamar is stated. being more intense than his love for her.
 - 3) Ladies, any man that tells you he does not like purity in a woman is a liar, he will want it for his wife.

2. Amnon dejected Tamar. vs. 15c-16
 - a. Amnon was callous by his evil, “Amnon said to her, “Arise, be gone!” vs. 15c-d
 - b. Amnon was cruel, “be gone!” vs. 15e
 - 1) This was adding insult to injury!
 - 2) He had robbed her of her purity, she had nothing else he wanted.
 - c. Tamar refused to go away. vs. 16
 - 1) Her response was immediate, “So she said, to him, “No, indeed!” vs. 16a-c
 - 2) Her reason was a double indictment, “This evil of sending me away is worse than the other you did to me.” vs. 16d
 - d. Amnon was viciously heartless, “But he would not listen to her.” vs. 16e
3. Amnon ordered Tamar out of his room with disrespectful contempt. vs. 17
 - a. Amnon called his servant who attended him. vs. 17a
 - 1) As if she were some prostitute.
 - 2) She was his half-sister.
 - b. Amnon told him, “Here! Put this woman out, away from me, and bolt the door behind her.” vs. 17b-f
 - 1) The phrase “Put this woman out”, mark his contempt for her.
 - 2) The self-righteousness is evident by the words, “away from me”.

3) The abhorrence of her presence is stated by the word, “and bolt the door behind her.”

* The law said a man had to marry a virgin he defiled, unless her father objected and then he paid a ransom price. Deut. 22:28-29

B. The various responses regarding the rape, are sad and tragic. vs. 18-22

1. The innocent victim Tamar was shattered. vs. 18-19

a. Tamar was shamed, being put out by the servants, with her coat of many color, with long sleeves, signifying her virginity, bolting the door behind her. vs. 18

b. Tamar demonstrated her loss and grief, by putting ashes on her head, and tearing her robe of many colors and laying her hand on her head, going away crying bitterly. vs. 19

2. The older brother of Tamar, Absalom, was indignant but passive. vs. 20

a) Absalom lovingly questions her, “Has Amnon your brother been with you?” vs. 20a-b

b) Absalom comforts her, “But now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother; do not take this thing to heart.” vs. 20c-f

c) Absalom sheltered her, “So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom’s house” vs. 20g

3. The father of Tamar, King David, was shameful. vs. 21

a. The word “But” marks the sharp contrast to all the other responses.

b. The reaction of David was to merely become very angry, but did nothing.

1) David did not seem to hold his children accountable for the action, as they grew up.

2) David made his decisions with his children based on his emotions, rather than obedience to the word of God!

3) David had lost all of his authority over his children, for he had failed in all the same areas, as they!

4. The footnote to Absalom’s response. vs. 22

a. His reaction, “And Absalom spoke to his brother Amnon neither good nor bad. vs. 22a

b. His reason, “For Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar. vs. 22b

Illustration

We have become an amoral society.

Dr. Wade F. Horn, commissioner for children, youth and family for the U.S. Department, between 1989-1993 declared, “On an average day in the United States, 135,000 children carry a gun to school; 7,700 teenagers become pregnant; 1,100 teenagers have abortions; 600 get syphilis or gonorrhea. A random sample of 168 Baltimore teenagers revealed that 72 % know somebody who had been shot.” #14140 Vol. 2

* May 11, 2009- 1.3 women, age 18 and over, in the U.S. are forcibly raped each minute, translating to 78 per hour, 1,871 per day, or 683,000 per year. (Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center)

Application

1. As a father, I need to ask God to give me wisdom, regarding the weak areas of my children, in order that I pray for them.
 - a. Do you know your child? Their temperament and attitudes?
 - * David was not aware of Amnon. Tamar, or Absalom’s attitudes, strengths or weaknesses.
 - b. I may not always have to confront my child, but I should never neglect to do so, when necessary.
 - c. I have to pray that God would minister to my child by the Spirit, so that they can see the power of God apart from me.
 - d. It is never too late.

* “Behold, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.” Ps. 127:3

2. I need to correct my children, in their injustices to each other and bring consequences to them, while under your roof.
 - a. “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.” Prov. 3:11-12, Heb. 12:5-6
 - b. If you do not deal with their sin, you will be helping them to be destroyed!
 - c. David dealt differently with Solomon than, learning from his mistakes. Prov. 4:1-13
 - d. Solomon realized the folly of not instructing and disciplining a child.
 - * Prov. 17:6, 19:18, 22:6, 15, 23:13-14, 29:15, 17
 - e. Parents are not to think raising children is easy.
 - 1) “If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.” Prov. 24:10
 - 2) If you faint not, you will reap. Gal. 6:9
 - 3) Count the costs before you have children and be diligent and depend on God.
3. The Bible tells us clearly what shames and honors God and man, so we should never neglect to make judgments on sin and evil deeds.
 - a. The educators do not consider sexually active children, as bad or immoral, but that

they are doing what is natural, given them condemns and providing abortion for young girls, undermining the authority of parents.

- b. The professional, rather than warning the young people about all the sexual diseases, particular AID's, go along with the rights of children over parental rights.
- c. But as parents we must confront our children in their sins, holding them accountable, if we love them and want to protect them.

* "There is a **way** that seems right to a man, But its end is the **way** of **death**." Prov. 14:12

4. The world around us is becoming more wick every day, you can not isolate your child, but you must insulate them with the word and confrontation and consequences.

- a. "Train up a **child** in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6

* This is not a promised formula, against the will of my child, it is a provision, that if he or she depart, they may know the way back!

- b. "Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a **child**; The rod of correction will drive it far from him." Prov. 22:15

* This is not the first step but the last step, but it must be implemented!

- c. "The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings **shame** to his mother." Prov. 29:15

The various responses over the rape of Tamar were dishonorable!

III. The vengeance on Amnon by Absalom. vs. 23-39

- A. The timely plan of Absalom to kill Amnon. vs. 23-29

1. Two year later Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal Hazor, near Ephraim and he invited all the king's sons. vs. 23
 - a. The location was about fifteen miles north of Jerusalem.
 - b. The time was of celebration and joy.
2. Absalom presented himself before his father, the king. vs. 24-25
 - a. Absalom gave a personal invitation, "Then Absalom came to the king and said, "Kindly note, your servant has sheepshearers; please, let the king and his servants go with your servant." vs. 24
 - 1) Absalom had no respect for David, being unhesitant to deceive him.
 - 2) Absalom saw how David did nothing to Amnon for the rape of

his sister Tamar and would ultimately provoke him to overthrow David.

- b.** The king declined. vs. 25
 - 1)** The response of David, “But the king said to Absalom, “No, my son, let us not all go now, lest we be a burden to you.” vs. 25a-e
 - 2)** The insistence of Absalom, “Then he urged him, but he would not go; and he blessed him.” vs. 25
 - * Absalom was testing the waters, to see if he would be able to kill Amnon, at this time.
- 3.** Absalom petitioned that Amnon might go instead. vs. 26-27
 - a.** David was a bit inquisitive, “Then Absalom said, “If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us.” And the king said to him, “Why should he go with you?” vs. 26
 - 1)** David was out of touch about his children.
 - 2)** David never seems to discipline his children for their evil.
 - b.** Absalom insisted, “But Absalom urged him; so he let Amnon and all the king’s sons go with him.” vs. 27
 - 1)** David becomes the very instrument for the destruction of his son Amnon, as he had been for Tamar.

2)) Absalom did not fear his father, as Amnon had not, in fact would end up attempting to over-throw David from the kingdom.

- 4.** Absalom’s plan to kill Amnon was in position. vs. 28-29
 - a.** The order had been given. vs. 28
 - 1)** The particular condition was stated, “Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, “Watch now, when Amnon’s heart is merry with wine.” vs. 28a-c
 - * Just like David had gotten Uriah drunk!
 - 2)** The authority for the execution was given, “and when I say to you, ‘Strike Amnon!’ then kill him.” vs. 28d-f
 - * Just like David had ordered the murder of Uriah!
 - 3)** The usurped authority over David, “Do not be afraid. Have I not commanded you? Be courageous and valiant.” vs. 28g-i
 - * Just like David had told Joab!
 - b.** The execution of the Amnon. vs. 29
 - 1)** Absalom’s orders were carried out, “So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded.” vs. 29a

- 2) Everyone present dispersed, “Then all the king’s sons arose, and each one got on his mule and fled.” vs. 29b-c

B. The troubling news of Amnon’s murder reached David. vs. 30-33

1. The initial news was inaccurate, “The news reached David that Absalom had killed all the king’s sons and not one of them were left. vs. 30
 - * When emotions run high and there are tragic events, the reality is distorted and accuracy is mistaken.
2. The reaction of king David was heart-wrenching, “So the king arose and tore his garments and laid on the ground, and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn.” vs. 31
 - * All of these were signs of grief and lamentation in great sorrow!
- 3) The evil Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David’s brother, informed David that only Amnon had been killed by Absalom, which he intended from the day he raped Tamar. vs. 32
 - a) This guy was the instigator of the evil.
 - b) This is trouble maker that plays both sides, when convenient.
- 4) Jonadab presents himself as compassionate comforter to David, while

being corrupt in heart, “Now therefore, let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king’s sons are dead. For only Amnon is dead.” vs. 33

- a) The words of David to Joab, again are echoed here, “Let not my lord the king take the thing to heart”.
- b) There are 17 sons have been named. 2Sam. 3:2-5, 5:14-15

C. The flight of Absalom and the return of the king’s sons. vs. 34-39

1. Both events happened simultaneously, “Then Absalom fled. And the young man who was keeping watch lifted his eyes and looked, and there, many people were coming from the road on the hillside behind him.” vs. 34
2. Jonadab presented himself as a servant, being a Judas, “And Jonadab said to the king, “Look, the king’s sons are coming; as your servant said, so it is.” vs. 35
3. The reunion of the sons and the king was emotional, “So it was, as soon as he had finished speaking, that the king’s sons indeed came, and they lifted up their voice and wept. Also the king and all his servants wept very bitterly.” vs. 36
4. The specifics regarding the flight of Absalom. vs. 37-39

- a. But Absalom fled and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. vs. 37a-b
* A small kingdom in Syria, between Mount Hermon and Damascus.
- b. And David mourned for his son every day, Amnon. vs. 37c
* The lose of a child, has to be one of the worst things in life!
- c. Absalom fled and went to Geshur for three years. vs. 38
 - 1)) The mother of Absalom was the daughter of the king of Geshur, the daughter of Talmai, the king was Absalom's Grandfather.
 - 2)) Grandparents, never interfere with your children's discipline of their children!
- d. And King David longed to go to Absalom, for he had been comforted concerning Amnon, because he was dead. vs. 39
 - 1) The first born was dead and gone.
 - 2) But David had a soft spot for his third, Absalom, his weakness would almost cost him his life.

Illustration

U.S. Statistics for Children brought up in Single Parent Homes, web-sight

There were 3 million single mothers in 1970 and 10 million in 2003. U.S. Census, Table FM-2, All Parent/Child Situations, by Type, Race, and **Hispanic origin** of Householder, 1970 to 2003

- * The illegitimacy rate went up more than 300% since 1970.
- * Children brought up in single mother homes are:
 - 5 times more likely to commit suicide,
 - 9 times more likely to drop out of high school,
 - 10 times more likely to abuse chemical substances,
 - 14 times more likely to commit rape,
 - 20 times more likely to end up in prison,
 - 32 times more likely to run away from home.
 (Chuck Eddy, "The Daddy Shady Show", Village Voice, Dec. 31, 2002)
- * 70 % of black children are born to single mothers!

There are now 3.1 million black single mothers compared to 6.4 million white single mothers and 1.8 million single Hispanic mothers.

- * Where are the fathers, they have destroyed the family! The only hope is Christ, in single home or two parent home!

Application

1. Parents should remember Eli who honored his sons more than God, therefore was judged by God.
 - a. A man of God came to Eli and declared, "Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: 'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.'

But now the LORD says: ‘Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.’ 1Sam. 2:30

b. Parents can be:

- a) Faithful to God or negligent.
- b) Presumptuous in their liberty or holy.
- c) Indulgent or moderate.
- d) Frustrated or fulfilled.
- e) Loving or self-centered.
- f) Obedient or rebellious.

c. Parents are to:

- a) Protect and train.
- b) Educate and nourish.
- c) Confront and correct.
- d) Pray for children.

4. Parents need to rest in their obedience and example, knowing children have a free will and may choose not to follow God.

a. Eli’s two sons, Hophni and Phinehas not having the parental instruction and oversight were perverse. 1Sam. 2

- 1) They laid with the women.
- 2) They stole offerings and sacrifices.
- 3) They made people abhor the things of God.

b. Samuel’s two sons, Joel and Abiah, having the instruction and oversight were perverse, also, but Samuel was never blamed by God.

1Sam. 8:3

- 1) They turned aside to dishonest gain.

2) They took bribes.

3) They perverted justice.

c. There were two Prodigal sons, one left the Father’s house, the other never left, both were lost. Luke 15:11-32

1) The son who left, was lost. but repented of his sins and was found.

2) The son, who never rebelled was in the fathers house but was equally lost and remained lost, being unrepentant.

3) Remember. children are not judged for the sins of the parents nor the parents for the sins of the children, rather for their disobedience to instruct and confront their children by the word. Ezk. 18:20

* I am to be a supervisor of my children and bring consequences for their sins!

The vengeance on Amnon by Absalom was inevitable!

Conclusion

The sins of David were manifested in his family:

- I.** The vile rape of Tamar by Amnon was treacherous!
- II.** The various responses over the rape of Tamar were dishonorable!
- III.** The vengeance on Amnon by Absalom was inevitable!