

2 Samuel 12: Humble Acceptance of Sin's Consequence

2 Samuel 11 Review: The Picture Falls

- **Type of Christ fails;** David sets up/ follows through with sin
- Stays home, looks for opportunity, lust meets opportunity
- Sends for and takes another mans wife, has him killed
- No care for God or others (broke **6th, 7th, 9th and 10th commandments** and brought others in as accomplices)
- Bathsheba has now had David's baby

2 Samuel 12

- **Nathan:** Prophet who brought David the good news: The Messiah will be one of your descendents

1 Then **the LORD sent Nathan** to David And he came to him and said, "There were two men in one city, the **one rich and the other poor**. 2 "The rich man had a great many flocks and herds. 3 "But the poor man had **nothing except one little ewe lamb** Which he bought and nourished; And it grew up together with him and his children. It would eat of his bread and drink of his cup and lie in his bosom, And was **like a daughter to him**. 4 "Now a **traveler** came to the rich man, And he was **unwilling** to take from his own flock or his own herd, To prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him; Rather **he took the poor man's** ewe lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

- **3 Characters:** Rich man, Poor man, traveler (4 w/ the lamb)
- Visitor comes to a rich man who wants to treat the visitor right, but is unwilling to sacrifice one of his many lambs
- **Steals the poor mans only lamb**, a pet. Roasts the lamb and eats the poor mans pet with the rich man

5 Then **David's anger burned** greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, surely the man who has done this **deserves to die**. 6 "He must make restitution for the lamb **fourfold**, because he did this thing and had no compassion."

- He must die and give four lambs (death penalty not lawful)

- Perhaps David considered it kidnapping

Exodus 21:16 "He who kidnaps a man, whether he sells him or he is found in his possession, shall **surely be put to death**.

7Nathan then said to David, "**You are the man!** Thus says the LORD God of Israel, '**It is I who anointed you king** over Israel and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8'I also gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your care, and I gave you the house of Israel and Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added to you many more things like these! 9 'Why have you **despised the word of the LORD** by doing evil in His sight?

- How David loved the God and His Word:

Psalms 12:6 The words of the LORD are **pure words**; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.

- God's Word and God are inseparable

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- David would write:

Psalms 18:28 For You light my lamp; The LORD my God illumines my darkness. 29 For by You I can run upon a troop; And by my God I can leap over a wall. 30As for God, His way is blameless; **The word of the LORD is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.**

- Despising God's Word is despising God Himself
- **Despised the Word:**
 1. Commandments: Murder, Adultery, Lying, Coveting
 2. Disregarded special instructions for Godly Kings
- **3 Characters:** Rich man is David, poor man was Uriah, and the visitor...**Pride** (I want what I want no matter who it hurts)
- **3 Judgments:** Consequences for sin as Nathan continues...

You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the **sons of Ammon**. 10' Now therefore, the **sword shall never depart** from your house, because you have **despised Me** and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

- **Judgment 1:** For striking down Uriah with the enemies sword
- Sword shall never depart; though David wanted to exact stricter penalties than deserved on the rich man of Nathan's story, God's judgment will be absolutely just

Leviticus 24:19 'If a man injures his neighbor, just as he has done, so it shall be done to him:

Deuteronomy 19:21"Thus you shall not show pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

- David will not die because of God's promise

11"Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, **I will raise up evil against you from your own household**; I will even take your wives before your eyes and give them to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. 12' Indeed you did it **secretly**, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and **under the sun**.'"

- **Judgment 2:** For adultery
- Someone close to you will sleep with you wife in sight of others
- Sin in the dark will now be in the light
- Pride will be brought low

13Then David said to Nathan, "I have **sinned against the LORD** " And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has **taken away your sin**; you shall not die.

- David confesses / sin is taken away

Psalms 32:1 (Read) How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered! 2How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit! 3When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long. 4For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah. 5I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.

- Nathan is not done

14"**However**, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you

shall **surely die.**" 15So Nathan went to his house.

- **Judgment 3:** For causing God's enemies to blaspheme
- The child from this adulterous relationship will die

Then the **LORD struck the child** that Uriah's widow bore to David, so that he was very sick. 16David therefore **inquired of God for the child**; and David fasted and went and lay **all night** on the ground.

17The elders of his household **stood beside him** in order to raise him up from the ground, but he was **unwilling** and would not eat food with them. 18Then it happened on the **seventh day** that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was still alive, we spoke to him and he did not listen to our voice. How then can we tell him that the child is dead, since he **might do himself harm!**"

- **Uriah's widow:** Name not mentioned
- **Inquired:** Pleaded for his life
- Servants concerned for David's life

19But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; so David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead." 20So David arose from the ground, washed, anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he **came into the house of the LORD and worshiped.**

- Humble acceptance of the consequences (circumstances)
- David understood as Job did; God is God

Job 1:21 He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. **Blessed be the name of the LORD.**" 22 Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God

Then he came to his own house, and when he requested, they set food before him and he ate. 21Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept; but when the child died, you arose and ate food." 22He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, that the child may live.' 23"But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? **I will go to him**, but he will not return to me."

- Prayer does not benefit those who have already died

- I will go to him: Heaven
- Age of accountability; babies will be with the LORD

24 Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her; and she gave birth to a son, and he named him Solomon. Now the LORD loved him 25 and sent word through Nathan the prophet, and he named him Jedidiah for the LORD'S sake.

- **Jedediah:** Love by the LORD; build the temple, wisest man
- David would not build the Temple as he wanted; "man of war"
- God knew David future consequence: The sword would never depart David's house

26 Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon and captured the royal city. 27 Joab sent messengers to David and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, I have even captured the city of waters. 28" Now therefore, gather the rest of the people together and camp against the city and capture it, or I will capture the city myself and it will be named after me."

- Rabbah: Like a loose tooth (water clinched it)
- Joab seems a little upset at David's absence and previous events
- "Name it after myself..."

29 So David gathered all the people and went to Rabbah, fought against it and captured it. 30 Then he took the **crown of their king from his head**; and its weight was a talent of gold, and in it was a precious stone; and it was placed on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city in great amounts. 31 He also brought out the people who were in it, and set them under saws, sharp iron instruments, and iron axes, and made them pass through the brickkiln. And thus he did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

- Crown (and head?) 75 lbs.
- Ammon totally conquered; people made slaves, Israel goes home
- David wears crown: No self-pity; God anointed him king...he would be king

CONCLUSION: Why was Saul's kingdom taken after sin and David's not, though both acknowledged their sin and seemed repentant?

- God is Faithful...He kept His promise to David even with

foreknowledge of David's sin

- Saul never accepted full responsibility for his sins; self-justification of the three biggies:

Unlawful Burnt Offering: Only to be done by priest: Samuel was late and the enemy was closing in...Saul is told he would lose the kingdom. (1 Samuel 13)

Not completely destroying the enemy: I was afraid of the people (servants). They wanted to keep the king and the sheep (1 Samuel 15) Later Saul did utterly destroy 85 priests of God and their town.

Consulting the Witch: God has abandoned me so I called on you (1 Samuel 28)

- David now takes responsibility for his own sins and his part in the well-being of his people as their King under God's leadership

Psalms 51:1 (Read) [After David's sin with Bathsheba] Be **gracious** to me, O God, according to Your **loving kindness**; According to the greatness of Your **compassion** blot out my transgressions.

- David appeals to God's character: **Gracious, loving, kind, compassionate**

2Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And **cleanse** me from my sin.3For I know my transgressions, And my sin is **ever before me**. 4**Against You**, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are **justified when You speak** And blameless when You judge.

- Understands his need of cleansing; sin never leaves his mind
- **Against you:** Understands his sin was against a Holy God
- Exalts God as the Righteous Judge

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in **sin my mother conceived me**. 6Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.7Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. 9Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities. 10Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

- Not a sinner because he sins, he sins because he is a sinner
- Desire to be clean

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

11Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. 12Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.

- Old Covenant: Spirit came upon
- Spirit left Saul; David prays for God's Spirit to stay
- Not loss of salvation but loss of the "joy of salvation"

13 **Then I will teach transgressors** Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You. 14Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. 15O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise.

- I will teach...audacity? No
- After Peter denied the Lord 3 times, Jesus told him to "feed His sheep", that is, teach His Word
- Jesus prophesied Peter's fall and restoration just before the denials

Luke 22:31"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; 32but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, **strengthen your brothers.**"

16For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. 7The sacrifices of God are a **broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.** 18 By Your favor do good to Zion; **Build the walls of Jerusalem.** 19Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices, In burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then young bulls will be offered on Your altar.

- Not enough bulls to atone for his sin
- Contrite Heart

James 4:6 " GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

- Prays for the people he may have stumbled

- David looks forward to the final sacrifice, Jesus Christ
- David display humble acceptance of the consequences of sin