

## Death of Contempt

Choose Life Series (CL-02)

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- Proverbs 18:3

### Three kinds of death

- Physical - Hebrews 9:27
- Spiritual - Revelation 20:12–15
- Death of Contempt - James 1:15

### Contempt

- Proverbs 18:3 ... scandalous behavior brings contempt.
- Defined – the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving scorn

### Holy Spirit Convicts of sin

- David and Bathsheba – 2 Samuel 11
- Desire – Sexual
- Temptation – Notice a beautiful woman taking a bath
- Gestation
  - Lust
  - Sent someone to find out who she was
  - Sent someone to get her
- Action – He slept with her
- Gestation
  - Pregnant
  - Get Uriah
- Action – Arrange Uriah's Death
- Death
  - Uriah killed
  - Bathsheba mourns
  - Bathsheba taken as David's wife
  - Bathsheba gives birth
  - The Lord was displeased (NASB – the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord)
  - More death to come...
- Prophet Nathan and David – 2 Samuel 12
  - Despised the word of the Lord
  - Murdered Uriah and stole his wife
  - David confessed – I have sinned against the Lord
  - Nathan replied – You are forgiven, but...
  - Because you have shown utter contempt for the Word of the Lord
    - Your family will live by the sword

- Your own household will rebel against you
- Your child will die

- Psalm 51 – David's psalm of repentance – remove the stain of my guilt
- Psalm 66:16–20

### Death of a vision

- 1 Chronicles 22:7–10 ... And since you have shed so much blood in my sight, you will not be the one to build a Temple

### Holy Spirit Grieved

- Ephesians 4:30
- 1 Timothy 4:1–2 ... seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,
- Acts 3:19 (NASB 95) — 19 Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;
- Resolving your Sin with God
- Conviction, Repentance, Restoration
- Resolving your Sin with Others

### Contempt and Disgrace

- Proverbs 18:3 Doing wrong leads to disgrace...
- Disgrace – without grace
- Death of Contempt – the consequence of your actions such that you lose your witness for the Lord
  - Conviction, repentance, confession, forgiveness, yet your reputation is tarnished, and you face contempt and disgrace from those to whom you were called to be an ambassador

### A view from the world

- Death of your witness
- 1 Peter 3:16–17
- Proverbs 22:1 (NLT) — 1 Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.
- 1 Timothy 3:7 (NLT) — 7 Also, people outside the church must speak well of him so that he will not be disgraced and fall into the devil's trap.