

Life of David

Week 9

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II Sam 8-12 David as King

I. Intro

Now David is on the throne; previously he was commended because he refused to “stretch out his hand against the Lord’s anointed” but now he is the Lord’s anointed. The question is, how does he handle it?

II. Ch 8 The Victorious Warrior

Summary of David’s military career/victories comes after the promise of God’s blessing—evidence of favor. Rev. 21:22

Why is it hard to remain faithful when you’re successful? What clues does the text give us about how David handled success? How can we apply the same idea?

III. Ch 9 The Gracious Ruler

Normal practice is to murder all threats to the throne, but David doesn’t because of his affection for Jonathan. Consider Ziba—we see him later rewarded for his faithfulness in a variety of ways; what sacrifices does he make in this chapter?

IV. Ch 10 The Strong Leader

What’s the end result of all this fighting? When God promises something, He expects us to

V. Ch 11-12 The Adulterous but Repentant Murderer

Pride comes not when fighting, but when we’re bored and have time on our hands

A. David sends Joab to besiege Rabbah (11:1).

B. David sleeps with Bathsheba, who becomes pregnant (11:2-5).

C. David has Uriah killed (11:6-17).

D. Joab sends David a message (11:18-27a).

E. The Lord is displeased with David (11:27b).

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C'. The Lord strikes David's infant son, who dies (12:15-23).

B'. David sleeps with Bathsheba, who becomes pregnant (12:24-25).

A'. Joab sends for David to besiege and capture Rabbah (12:26-31).

A foreigner, whose name means “Yahweh is my light,” observes the law while David breaks it

The nobility of Uriah: “Uriah drunk proved to be a better man than David sober”

Ps. 51—how does David differ from Saul?

Aspects of David’s sin clearly foreshadow what would happen to him

Thomas Constable: We often think too superficially about the way God deals with sin in His people's lives. We either tend to take sin too lightly, or we overestimate its devastating consequences and do not appreciate God's grace enough.

Do you believe God forgives sinners? What about your sin? What should be our reaction to forgiveness? What was David's reaction? What does all this prove about God's covenant with David?