

II Samuel 11-12 –5 May 2022

“The Foresight Of Faith: Breaking The Will Of Temptation”

Introduction

- *II Samuel – depicts the entire reign of King David
 - *This is also where I Chronicles begins
- *In II Samuel, David has taken the throne of all Israel
- *Chap 5-10 we saw the zenith of Davidic Kingdom
 - *Jerusalem became their eternal capital city
 - *The Ark has been moved to Jerusalem
 - *Enemies are at peace w/ Israel
 - *Grace shown to Mephibosheth
- *Sometimes the most prosperous moments in life can be the most tempting to sin (Prov 30:8-9)
- *Tonight, we see the famous sin of David surrounding his taking of Bathsheba
- *We’ll see the progression of sin, but it may start earlier than you think and end long after you think
- *Here’s 5 steps in progression of sin & it’s solution**

1st steps in this progress are the temptation and the sin (Chap 11:1-5)

Read Chap 11:1

1. 1st thing that leads to temptation is idleness
 - a. Not staying busy w/ what is right and good
2. Sodom? We think sexual sin; but what led to it?
 - a. Read Eze 16:49 – same state as David here

Read Vs 2

1. The word ‘saw’ is a typical word to see
2. This is temptation... not sin
 - a. Read Jam 1:14-15 – Source of temptation is lust within our flesh
 - b. Opposite of lust is contentment
3. But remember, only reason he’s even tempted is b/c he’s idle from good works

Read Vs 3

1. What was he hoping to learn? That she’s single? Doesn’t matter b/c he’s already married

2. Looking into this situation IS SIN
 - a. This is the lustful desire spoken of by Jesus in Matt 5:28

Read Vs 4

1. No indication this was unwilling on her part
2. Think of how many people this will affect

Read Vs 5

1. Evidence of sin shows itself, will there be repentance or the attempt to hide it?
2. Every step along there's choices, choices

2nd step in this progress is the simple cover-up attempted (Chap 11:6-13)

Read Chap 11:6-9

1. David's trying to send Uriah home from war to sleep with his wife
2. David here 1st tries covering up his sin w/o further sin

Read Vs 10-11

1. Uriah is more dedicated to good than David is
2. Uriah is a Hittite that converted to the Lord

Read Vs 12-13

1. David's 2nd attempt involves clear sin in getting Uriah drunk, but it still didn't work
2. Judah slept w/ Tamar – tried to cover it up by not coming after her for stealing his staff & ring

3rd step in this progress is the big cover-up needed (Chap 11:14-27)

Read Chap 11:14-17

1. David's 3rd attempt to cover-up will make sure but it takes horrible further sin to do it
2. Now David even brings Joab in on this sin
3. The righteous one always has the sentence of death near them

Read Vs 18-21

1. In this regular report to the king, David may have forgotten Joab was asked to do risky business

Read Vs 22-25

1. *Sin will take you further than you intended to go and cost you more than you're willing to pay*
2. When David set out to sleep w/ Bathsheba, he never intended to kill Uriah
3. Did you notice vs 24 – even more soldiers lost their lives here b/c of David's sin with Bathsheba

Read Vs 26-27

1. David “looks like” a hero for taking in this poor, pregnant widow, but the reality is wicked
2. Doesn't matter what's visible to the world
 - a. What matters is that God sees the heart
 - b. God knows the reality of our motives
3. The BEST cover-up still only covers the sin in man's eyes.

4th step in this progress is seeking repentance (Chap 12:1-14)

Read Chap 12:1-6

1. Sin is hard to see in us, so analogy helps us think about the sin w/o our pride interfering
2. Jesus did this all the time, so should we
3. This analogy highlights David's lust problem was driven by his discontentment (see vs 2)

Read Vs 7-9

1. Look on what God has greatly given, that will enable us to find contentment

Read Vs 10-12

1. Maybe if God revealed our sin openly today, it would cause more people to turn to Him & quicker

Read Vs 13-14

1. There are consequences, but when there is repentance, there is also grace!
2. This is the perfect time to read Psm 32 & 51

Final steps in this progress are the consequences, grace & obedience (Chap 12:15-31)

Read Chap 12:15-18

1. They thought David would torture himself MORE when he found out the baby was dead
2. David's begging God for a thing that can yet happen, not mourning illness that is already

Read Vs 19-23

1. Fasting & affliction was to draw David's heart and mind to constant thought of God and His will
2. He was seeking God's gracious hand to move
3. Vs 23, David isn't just talking about baby being dead, but he's saying that He will be WITH the baby
 - a. This's assurance of babies going to be w/ God
 - b. Believing parents also have the promise of First Corinthians 7:14

Read Vs 24-25

1. God's grace here to David & Bathsheba

Read Vs 26-31

1. Fellowship w/ God is paved with obedience
2. Forward=obedience, Reverse=sin, idle(ness)=sin

Conclusion

The progression of sin; it starts with a choice...

1. **Temptation & then sin** – temptation isn't sin
2. **Simple cover-up is attempted** – keep it quiet
3. **Big cover-up is needed** – more sin to hide it
4. **Smart, spiritual person will seek repentance**
5. **Consequences, grace & obedience**

If David only used the foresight of faith

He would know that this one-night pursuit of pleasure with Bathsheba would directly or indirectly result in:

1. An unwanted pregnancy
2. The murder of a trusted friend
3. A dead baby
4. His daughter raped by his son
5. One son murdered by another son
6. A civil war led by one of his sons
7. A son who imitates Dad's lack of self-control, leading him and much of Israel away from God.

If David only used the foresight of faith

He would hear God's loving voice call to him as he called to Peter

1. As Peter was tempted to walk away from the Lord after Jesus' resurrection, into lustful pursuits of this world, Jesus said...
2. John 21:15 – "...Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me more than these?..."
3. When we're tempted to sin, pretend Jesus is whispering to you, "lovest thou these more than Me?"