

# THE LIFE OF DAVID



<sup>1</sup> And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him,

## **2 SAMUEL 12:1-15**



**4** ...but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." **5** Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, **6** and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." **7** Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. **8** And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah.

## **2 SAMUEL 12:1-15** (cont.)



**8b** And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more.  
**9** Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. **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.' **11** Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house.'

**2 SAMUEL 12:1-15** (cont.)



**11b** And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. **12** For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.' " **13** David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. **14** Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die." **15** Then Nathan went to his house.

## **2 SAMUEL 12:1-15** (cont.)



# GRACE GREATER THAN ALL OUR SIN

2 Samuel 12:1-15





**21** These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

**PSALM 50:21 (CSB)**







**15b** ...but the way of the treacherous is their ruin.

**PROVERBS 13:15b**





# THE PURSUIT OF GRACE



**1<sup>a</sup>** And the Lord sent Nathan to David.

**2 SAMUEL 12:1<sup>a</sup>**





# THE WISDOM OF GRACE



**1b** “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. **2** The rich man had very many flocks and herds, **3** but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. **4** Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.”

## **2 SAMUEL 12:1b-4**





**3b** And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him.

**2 SAMUEL 12:3b**



**11** Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing."

**2 SAMUEL 11:11**





**5** Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, **6** and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

**2 SAMUEL 12:5-6**



**1** “Judge not, that you be not judged. **2** For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. **3** Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?”

**MATTHEW 7:1-3**





# THE FURY OF GRACE



**7a** Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

**2 SAMUEL 12:7a**





**7b** “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> And I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more.’”

**2 SAMUEL 12:7b-8**



9 “Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.”

**2 SAMUEL 12:9**



*“Let us not find it strange when we see that after God has given us his Word with gentleness, he strikes us with heavy blows.”*

**JOHN CALVIN**

A Sermon on 2 Samuel 12





**21** “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’

**22** But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment...”

**MATTHEW 5:21-22**



**15** Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

**1 JOHN 3:15**



**27** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ **28** But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

**MATTHEW 5:27-28**



**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.' **11** Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. **12** For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'"

**2 SAMUEL 12:10-12**





**13a** David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

**2 SAMUEL 12:13a**



*“This is the gracious God who sends Nathan to David, and He is the furious God who is outraged because His servant despised Him.*

*Part of God’s grace consists in His informing us of His fury.*

*Sometimes we try to de-claw grace. But grace is not niceness; otherwise (one is tempted to say) grace would no longer be grace. We forget the words of the hymn: ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear....’ Grace is not merely favor; it is also the fury that precedes the favor.”*

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A Commentary on 2 Samuel





**13b** And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. **14** Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die.”

**2 SAMUEL 12:13b-14**



<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**PSALM 32:1-2**





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