

**Kingdom Come**  
*Who Knows?*  
 2 Samuel 12:13-31

**AN EXCURSUS ON SIN'S \_\_\_\_\_**

When God forgives a sin, it's \_\_\_\_\_—though it's stain is scarlet-red, it's made snow-white (**Isaiah 1:18**), buried in the deepest sea (**Micah 7:19**), removed from us as far as the east is from the west, (**Psalms 103:12**) and no longer "remembered" by God. In other words, that sin no longer affects the way God relates to the forgiven person (**Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 8:12**).

However, there are \_\_\_\_\_ consequences for sin, forgiven or unforgiven. So what does this mean?

1. Consequences do **NOT** mean God makes us \_\_\_\_\_, in any way, for what he has freely and mercifully forgiven.
  
2. Sin sets in motion consequences that our personal \_\_\_\_\_ may not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - When we confess our sin and God forgives and cleanses us (**1 John 1:9**), he uses any \_\_\_\_\_ consequences of that sin to train and discipline us toward spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and get us ready for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God \_\_\_\_\_ responds to his children in love—whether that is \_\_\_\_\_-love or \_\_\_\_\_-love, God is fully committed to glorifying his name, keeping us close to him, and making us more like Jesus.
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ demands death for sin; there is no way around it. (**Romans 6:23**)
  
4. For those who die in the sin of \_\_\_\_\_, refusing the benefits of Jesus' sacrifice for them, the consequence is eternal death in \_\_\_\_\_. Justice requires it.

**ALTHOUGH DAVID'S FORGIVEN SINS HAD**  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **CONSEQUENCES (12:7-23),**  
**WHAT IS TRULY ASTONISHING ARE THE**  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **CONSEQUENCES (12:24-25)!**

When God forgives, more often than not, he shows more than mercy; he also shows \_\_\_\_\_!

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ David's marriage to Bathsheba!

2. God \_\_\_\_\_ the union between David and Bathsheba with another son, named \_\_\_\_\_!

3. God \_\_\_\_\_ little \_\_\_\_\_!

**TYING UP \_\_\_\_\_ (12:26-31)**

*"Come now, let us reason together," says Yahweh: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." **Isaiah 1:18***

With a God like this, who knows what surprising grace he has for us today?

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**AN EXCURSUS ON SIN'S CONSEQUENCES**

When God forgives a sin, it's **GONE**—though its stain is scarlet-red, it's made snow-white (**Isaiah 1:18**), buried in the deepest sea (**Micah 7:19**), removed from us as far as the east is from the west, (**Psalms 103:12**) and no longer “remembered” by God. In other words, that sin no longer affects the way God relates to the forgiven person (**Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 8:12**).

However, there are **ALWAYS** consequences for sin, forgiven or unforgiven. So what does this mean?

1. Consequences do **NOT** mean God makes us **pay**, in any way, for what he has freely and mercifully forgiven.
2. Sin sets in motion consequences that our personal **forgiveness** may not **erase**.
  - When we confess our sin and God forgives and cleanses us (**1 John 1:9**), he uses any **natural** consequences of that sin to train and discipline us toward **spiritual maturity** and get us ready for **heaven**.
  - God **ALWAYS** responds to his children in love—whether that is **tender**-love or **tough**-love, God is fully committed to glorifying his name, keeping us close to him, and making us more like Jesus.
3. **Divine justice** demands death for sin; there is no way around it. (**Romans 6:23**)
4. For those who die in the sin of **unbelief**, refusing the benefits of Jesus' sacrifice for them, the consequence is eternal death in **hell**. Justice requires it.

ALTHOUGH DAVID'S FORGIVEN SINS STILL HAD **HORRIFIC, NEGATIVE** CONSEQUENCES (12:7-23),  
WHAT IS TRULY ASTONISHING ARE THE **TERRIFIC, POSITIVE** CONSEQUENCES! (12:24-25)

When God forgives, more often than not, he shows more than mercy; he also shows **grace!**

1. God **accepted** David's marriage to Bathsheba!

2. God **blessed** the union between David and Bathsheba with another son, named **Solomon!**

3. God **loved** little **Jedidiah!**

TYING UP **LOOSE ENDS** (12:26-31)

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