



Second Samuel Pursuing the Heart of God

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“A Family in Chaos” Amnon Rapes Tamar & Absalom Takes Revenge 2 Samuel 13:1-39 June 17, 2018 Dr. Mark Strauss

Theme: Though God forgave David for his great sin with Bathsheba, that could not take away all the consequences. You reap what you sow and from this point on David faces one family crisis after another. First, his firstborn Amnon becomes infatuated with and rapes his half-sister Tamar, devastating her life. David takes no disciplinary action, and Absalom plots revenge. Under the guise of a party, he lures his brother Amnon to a sheep-shearing party and murders him. David’s family is in turmoil.

Outline:

1. The Context: David’s Sin with Bathsheba and Its judgment (12:9–12)

2. Amnon and Tamar (13:1–18)
 - a. Amnon’s infatuation, vv. 1–2

 - b. Jonadab’s counsel, vv. 3-5

 - c. Amnon pretends to be sick and requests Tamar’s care, vv. 6-7

d. Amnon rapes Tamar, vv. 8-14

e. Amnon's loathing and Tamar's devastation, vv. 15-20

f. David's anger and inaction, v. 21

g. Absalom's hatred for Amnoon, v. 22

3. Absalom Murders Amnon (13:1-19)

a. Absalom's party, vv. 23-26

b. Absalom's plan, vv. 27-28

c. Amnon's murder and the escape of the king's other sons, v. 29

d. A false report corrected, vv. 30-36

e. Absalom's escape and David's grief, vv. 37-39

Takeaway:

(1) Acting on our evil desires is disastrous for ourselves and for others.

(2) Sin must be confronted with a goal of reconciliation, not vengeance.

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Date: June 24, 2018

Title: Absalom Returns to Jerusalem & Conspires against David

Scripture: 2 Samuel 14:1-15:12