

The End: A Great Place to Start**Guilty**

2 Samuel 12:1-13

Main Idea: When I am guilty, God offers forgiveness.**David's Life & Leadership:** Shepherd, Musician, Anointed King, National Hero, Lived as a Fugitive, Led Israel to Its Greatest Power & Influence*"Although he was a brilliant military strategist who used all the means & resources available to bring Israel success, David was humble enough to glorify God."* **Elwell***"David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD & did not turn aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life EXCEPT in the matter of Uriah the Hittite."* **1 Kings 15:5****Wrong Time:** *"In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab...But David remained at Jerusalem."* **2 Samuel 11:1****Wrong Place:** *"David...saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful."* **2 Samuel 11:2b****Wrong Woman:** *"And David sent & inquired about the woman. And one said, 'Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?'"* **2 Samuel 11:3****Wrong Behavior:** *"So David sent messengers & took her, & she came to him, & he lay with her..."* **2 Samuel 11:4a****Wrong Response:** *"And the woman conceived, & she sent & told David, 'I am pregnant.' So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David...David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house & wash your feet.'"* **2 Samuel 11:6-8a****Wrongful Death:** *"In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab & sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, & then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, & die.'"* **2 Samuel 11:14-15****Wrong Resolution:** *"And when the mourning was over, David sent & brought her to his house, & she became his wife & bore him a son..."* **2 Samuel 11:27a***"King David sent armed guards to bring one of his subjects into his bed – in every civilized country in the world that is considered rape. David was a rapist. To cover up his rape he became a murderer."* **Paul Carter****Three Types of Guilt in 2 Samuel 12:1-13...****I. Guilty of Willful Ignorance: 2 Samuel 12:1-6***"David covered his sins...He became weak & sick physically; he lost joy; he lost his witness; he lost his power. God gave David plenty of time to make things right, but he persisted in hiding his sins."* **Warren Wiersbe***"But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD."* **2 Samuel 11:27b***"Be sure your sin will find you out."* **Numbers 32:23b***"Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man & he said to Nathan, 'As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, & he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, & because he had no pity.'"* **2 Samuel 12:5-6***"But each person is tempted when he is lured & enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, & sin when it is fully grown brings forth death."***James 1:14-15****II. Guilty of Self-Serving Guile: 2 Samuel 12:7-12**

- **David Forgot God's Goodness (vs 7-8)**
- **David Despised God's Law (vs 9)**
- **David Dismissed God's Punishment (vs 10-11)**

III. Guilty but Forgiven*"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.'"* **2 Samuel 12:13***"David was a rapist & a murderer, but thanks be to God, David was also a good repentor. He admitted his sin, he hated his sin, he turned from his sin & he begged the Lord for mercy...and miraculously, he received it."* **Paul Carter***"For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken & contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."* **Psalms 51:16-17****This might be both the UGLIEST & MOST BEAUTIFUL story in the entire Bible. Because it's the story of an UGLY SIN & a BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR.***"...he (God) raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified & said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'"* **Acts 13:22b***"Although my memory's fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner & Christ is a great Savior."* **John Newton (Amazing Grace)***"The gospel is this: We are more sinful & flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved & accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope."* **Tim Keller***"He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust."* **Psalms 103:10-14 (Psalm of David)***"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: 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***"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses & forsakes them will obtain mercy."* **Proverbs 28:13***"But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, & with his stripes we are healed."* **Isaiah 53:5***"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace."* **Ephesians 1:7***"If we confess our sins, he is faithful & just to forgive us our sins & to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* **1 John 1:9****Are You Guilty? Do you think it's The End? Well, The End is actually a Great Place to Start...confessing, repenting & experiencing God's grace!!!****Sources and Further Reading Opportunities:**

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