

David, Shepherd and King
#19 David's Great Sins - 2 Samuel 11
(7/11/10 AM)

1. The Prelude (1)

David Didn't Fall Suddenly

- **David's polygamy**

We made mention of this when David was anointed king over the nation (5:13) "And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem." This was a direct violation of Deuteronomy 17:17. David's women did not satiate his desire but stimulated it.

Lust When Indulged Is Never Satisfied, only Intensified

- **David's prosperity**

Difficulty breeds dependency. Prosperity breeds indulgence. Proverbs 16:18, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

David's indulgence led him into idleness. David had laid aside his armor. He was in bed instead of on the battlefield.

David Allowed His Spiritual Senses to Become Dulled

2. The Prompting (2-3)

Temptation Is Not Sin

David's experience is a picture of James 1:14-15.

- **David Saw**

He saw what the Bible describes as a "very beautiful" woman who was bathing. Bathsheba certainly had a part to play in this but the text focuses upon David. David's already unbridled lust kept him looking. Jesus said that looking can lead to lusting and become sin, Matthew 5:28.

Jesus told His disciples "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak", Matthew 26:41.

David's Glance Was Not Sinful but His Gaze Was

- **David Sent**

David's first step in the face of temptation was toward, not away from, the temptation. Don't face temptation, flee it! 1 Corinthians 6:18

God Himself has promised to provide us a way out.

1 Corinthians 10:13, "...but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

God will often throw up warning signs on the path to sin. David's warning was the report of his servant (3). She was not an object, she was a person, "Bathsheba".

Bathsheba was someone's daughter and someone's wife. "Eliam" was the son of Ahithophel, who was David's most trusted counselor. Bathsheba was his granddaughter. "Uriah" was one of "the thirty", David's mighty men, 2 Samuel 23:23-39.

David Saw Bathsheba as an Object of Beauty not as a Person with a Family

3. The Process (4)

As Old As Adam and Eve

The process of sin is always the same. Genesis 3: Eve saw, took, ate, and hid. Joshua 7: Achan saw, coveted, took and hid.

- **David saw with his eyes, contemplated in his heart and consummated with his will**

1 John 2:16, "For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world." Sin always takes you farther than you ever intended to go.

Sexual sin is unique in its character, 1 Thessalonians 4:3. Sexual sin has a way of internally destroying a person like no other sin. Sexual intimacy is the deepest uniting of two people. When misused it

corrupts on the deepest human level. This is why the Bible especially tells us to flee this kind of sin. For the believer, this is even more serious what we do with our body, 1 Corinthians 6:18-19. David made a choice to ignore all warnings and all consequences.

Satan Never **Tips** His Hand in a Temptation

4. The Entrapment (5-27)

Sin Is a Trap

Proverbs 5:21 -22, "...and he is caught in the cords of his sin."

- **The conception of an innocent child** (5)

Numbers 32:23, "Be sure your sin will find you out..."

The only recorded words of Bathsheba in the story are,

"I am with child." The sin was not the conception but the fornication. When faced with the consequences of our sin we have one of two

Choices; confession or continued cover up.

David Chose Deception

- **The complication of sin** (6-13)

Sin begets sin until it is confessed and forsaken. David added lying, hypocrisy, manipulation, and conspiracy to coveting, lust, and adultery. Sin is like a vortex which draws others into its destructive power. David the prince acted pathetically, "a gift of food from the king followed him" (8). When

Uriah refused to go home and be with Bathsheba, David

"made him drunk" (13). Sin is blinding, Proverbs 6:32.

The Pleasure of Sin Is Passing, the Pain Is Enduring

- **The destruction of faithful servants** (14-27)

David sent his faithful servant carrying his own death warrant in his

hand. David, who would not kill Saul, now conspired to kill Uriah,

implicating Joab in his plan. The sin of David and Bathsheba quickly began involving other people.

There were more widows in Israel than

just Bathsheba (24).

David, the man after God's own heart, incurred the Lord's displeasure.

(27) "But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord."

Is There Something In My Life That Is Displeasing to the Lord?