

2 Samuel Chapter 11

And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

² And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

³ And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

⁴ And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

Written for our learning; he that thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall. Constant watchfulness against sin. Don't go crazy thinking you can do what David did without consequence.

The sin was adultery, 7th commandment. How did he fall? Through sin. Don't see this great mistake by David mentioned in the New Testament though.

Events leading up to the fall

- Neglect of his business; instead of being where the king was expected, he was hanging back. Had he been on his post promoting the Kingdom, he might have avoided this.
- Should have been in battle with the enemy and instead, he is kicking back
 - David is not where or doing what was expected. Instead of on the battlefield, he's at home chilling.
- Was being idle. You need to think about what you are thinking about.
- Had a wondering eye; temptation and sin came in through his eye.
 - David must have liked what he saw. He asks about her. I can relate to that. He is using his servants and Kingdom resources for the wrong reason and purpose.
 - Wonder if David would have done this if he knew the consequences. The price he will pay for this short pleasure is not worth it.

Steps of the sin:

- Lusted
 - Asked others about her. However, it was not a spiritual inquiry.
- Desire is put into action...invites her over to the crib
 - Hard to stop once you get started...Rufus



- Takes her, she allows it

He had plenty of other women.

Bathsheba was cool until she hooked up with him in the flesh. Our actions can lead others into sin and consequences. You impact their soul.

- It is never just about you. Your sins impact others. This is true with sexual sins where you disregard the spiritual standing of the other person with God.

Verse 4 – probably taking a bath to be ceremonially clean. A religious bath but spiritually she is going to be way off. Being ceremonially clean doesn't make the sin okay.

⁵ And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

⁶ And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

⁷ And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered. ⁸ And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king.

⁹ But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. ¹⁰ And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? Why then didst thou not go down unto thine house?

¹¹ And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.

¹² And David said to Uriah, Tarry here today also, and tomorrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.

Verse 5 – tells David so he can protect her from penalty, Lev 20:10.

- Uriah (23:39) one of the 37 mighty men

When the spiritual leader ain't led by the spirit; they may call you for a reason other than for the glory of God or for your benefit.

Uriah -- followed his convictions, posed a question to David. Not going to enjoy comfort while his comrades and the Ark are without.

Verse 12-13 – sounds like a good deal but an evil motive behind it. David trying hard to cover the sin and its causing him to go deeper into greater sins.

13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

19 And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,

20 And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? Knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall?

21 Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall that he died in Thebez? Why went ye nigh the wall? Then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

Gets him drunk. Drunk folks often find it easier to get fooled. David knew if he could get him high, it would be easier to trick him.

Difference between David and Uriah here:

- One remembers he is a servant, one forgets to serve
- Doesn't seek pleasure over serving
- Avoids certain places (there are some places you need to avoid)
- Instead of celebrating his service, gives him a death sentence by his own hand to carry; will sacrifice others to cover up their sins
- Throwing others under the bus is a flesh move

Joab carries out the order....no problem for him. He was already guilty of a previous murder, know he will have leverage against David.

Observations:

Things not going as planned so David goes deeper into sin. People will go through great lengths to cover up their faults and sins. Often, they don't care who they hurt in the process. Since Genesis and the Garden, this has been the case.

Don't be surprised when leaders get rid of the righteous around them. Hard for you to do what your flesh wants you to do when they are around.

Caution: David was a believer yet this still happened. What is the lesson here?

Verse 17 – the result of his decision is that others suffer as well. More than Uriah died that day. Your sins and bad decisions are never just about you. It will often have an adverse impact on others and is a selfish move.

- The enemy prevails in this instance. How does the enemy win? Pride, self, failure to repent, disregard and lack of mercy are all ingredients for giving the enemy a win. When humility is absent, the enemy wins. When you are out of position and not in right standing with God...the enemy wins.
- When you are deep in sin, you become okay with the enemy getting a victory at the expense of the Kingdom.
- God gets no glory out of this.
- Christians need to be very careful not to fall into this same trap. You don't have to actually kill someone to still do significant damage to the Kingdom...it is called sin.
- When your leader thinks only about themselves and covering up their failures....then you have a bad leader.

²² So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for.

²³ And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.

²⁴ And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. ²⁵ Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

²⁶ And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.



²⁷ And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

David sends word back to Joab so he won't feel bad about this sin....justifying. Stuff just happens. David however, is really the reason behind the trouble.

We justify sin when we don't repent. We want others to support and be okay with our sin when we don't repent. His argument is logical but not spiritual.

Bad leaders don't really want good people around them. Enemy gets a victory and David is satisfied with his sin because it covers up what he did. He still comes out looking good on the outside. Trying to look good on the outside is often a cover up for what is wrong on the inside.

He is responsible for more than just Uriah's death. Others suffer from this sin as well.

Verse 26 – Wife mourns

On the outside it looks legal and okay...inside an evil abuse of power. David wins the girl but there is a huge price to pay.

They mourn on the outside but never spiritually made the first steps (Feast steps 1-3).

Prov 6:32 – sin of adultery

The thing displeased the Lord. What he did pleased himself, but displeased God.