

2 Samuel Chapter 13

And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. ² And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her. ³ But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtle man. ⁴ And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? Wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. ⁵ And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand.

Verse 1 – Absalom = my father is peace, 3rd son of David, has a fair sister Tamar. Amnon the oldest son loved her.

Verse 2 – Amnon love sick over her and he thinks it hard for him to get to her.

Verse 3 – He knew he couldn't just do it....but he had a friend...Jonadab who was David's nephew. He was subtle or tricky. The Bible wants you to know this fact that deception and tricks are involved.

Verse 4 – The trick begins by asking Amnon a question....why are you, being the king's son looking so bad every day? Answer...he says he's in love with Tamar.

Verse 5 – His tricky friend comes up with a tricky plan to get at his sister. Play sick, set up Tamar through his dad the King. Have his sister see about him. Interesting, looked the set up this deception by going through the King. Anybody ever set someone up or trick someone through playing like you were a kingdom person?

We should beware the counsel of the ungodly. Jonadab will become a codefendant in this conspiracy in committing this crime against his sister. Beware of your friends and associates. You do not want a friend like Jonadab!!!

⁶ So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand. ⁷ Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat.

⁸ So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. ⁹ And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.

¹⁰ And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. ¹¹ And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.

Verse 6 – Amnon follows the plan. Plays sick.

- First lusted after her because she looked good.
- As a brother, he should have been a protector.

Verse 7-9 – Tamar comes by and makes him a meal. Amnon sends all the men away....sure sign that an evil plan is in place. When you don't want others around that could be a pretty good sign evil is about to break out.

Verse 10 – Tricked her into coming into the bedroom and asked her to serve him there.

Verse 11 – When she gets there, he grabs her, wants her to lie with him. He's been setting the trap and now springs it.

Anybody ever have an Amnon moment where you set a trap to trick someone into getting what you wanted? A selfish act with no concern over the well-being of the party you are about to take advantage of.

¹² And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly. ¹³ And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? And as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.

¹⁴ Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her. ¹⁵ Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone.

Verse 12 – Her plea....don't force her because this sort of thing shouldn't be done in the Kingdom where God prevails. What he wants to do according to his emotions is folly or foolish. The sin of David's lust is now on his son.

Verse 13 – She gives him a better deal...just ask the King and do this the right way. Would take longer, cause humility but still allow him to have what he seeks the right way and protect her reputation. Lev 20:17 however, forbade it.

Verse 14 – He wouldn't listen to her so he raped her.

Verse 15 – Then after he gets done...he hated her. His hate for her increased so that it was more than the love that he had for her.

- Talk to me.....ever not like the person you were wanting to be with after you get through with them? Wasn't that good huh. I hope young people can understand the lesson behind this.
- Danger of moving by emotions...when the emotion changes, love goes out the window and the decision doesn't seem like a good one now.
- Big difference between lust and true love. Love is patient.
- Good reason why one should wait before giving into sexual lust....it doesn't mean that the dude will stay.
- Tells her to get out.

The fruit of true love is missing here. God's love is patient and kind. You see none of that with Amnon.

This is a great lesson for all young people in regards to sexual relations outside of marriage. Often, a person who thinks they love you, has confused their feelings with lust. It is not how you start the relationship but how you finish.

¹⁶ And she said unto him, There is no cause: this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. ¹⁷ Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her. ¹⁸ And she had a garment of divers colors upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins appareled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her. ¹⁹ And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colors that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

Verse 16 – her response, there is no good reason to treat her like this. This treatment was worse than the original sin. Again...he wouldn't listen to her.

Verse 17 – Kicked her out and locked the door behind her.

Verse 18-19 – She goes out crying and in mourning. No longer a virgin.

Instead of covering and protecting her, he exposes her. Christian men need to understand especially that their lusts have an impact on more than just themselves.

Application for Today: When I was younger, I only thought about myself and from my own perspective when dealing with sexual temptations. I never really considered that the spiritual standing of my partner was also in question. When looking at Amnon, you may find it strange that he is doing this to his sister. But think about this, if we don't treat another woman with respect...and she belongs to the King and the Kingdom....are you not also doing the same thing that Amnon did....to your own sister in Christ? Be careful, there is nothing new under the sun.

²⁰ And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? But hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

²¹ But when King David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.

²² And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

Verse 20 – Tamar stays with Absalom...desolate.

Verse 21 – David hears about this and gets angry but doesn't do anything about it.

- David is an unwitting accessory. His sin with Bathsheba perhaps has made him reluctant to act appropriately as a parent.

Verse 22 – Amnon's action against his sister has an impact...Absalom now hates him because of it. But Absalom doesn't say anything good or bad about him. Hmmm, a sign?

²³ And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baalhazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons. ²⁴ And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant. ²⁵ And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. ²⁶ Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee? ²⁷ But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

Verse 23 – After two full years.....Absalom still mad and planning for revenge.

Verse 24-25 – Absalom presses for his father to go and attend he party he was hosting. But David decides not to because it would be too much of a burden.

He really doesn't care about David's sons, the party is a setup.

Verse 26 – Now asks for Amnon to go as well. Interesting...what he asked for initially he didn't really want...just a request to throw off what he really wanted which was to have Amnon attend. David must have thought something was off because he questions it.

Verse 27 – Absalom presses him and David lets them all attend.

Here is a big miss on David's part. When David asks the question as to why Absalom wants Amnon to attend...we don't see where he ever received an answer to the question. That should be a red flag. Perhaps this could have been prevented (even though David was still under judgement) if he had taken the proper action against Amnon's crime.

²⁸ Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? Be courageous, and be valiant.

²⁹ And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled. ³⁰ And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.

³¹ Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent. ³² And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. ³³ Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead.

³⁴ But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him. ³⁵ And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come: as thy servant said, so it is. ³⁶ And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore.

³⁷ But Absalom fled, and went to Talmi, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day. ³⁸ So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

³⁹ And the soul of King David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

Verse 28 – Just like David...he sets the plan in motion and has his servants execute it. When he gets drunk...then kill him. Be careful getting drunk or high....perfect time for you to stop watching and let your guard down.

Verse 29 – Amnon is killed and the other brothers take off.

Verse 30 – David hears bad news that all of the sons were dead. Be careful about rumors...may not always be accurate.

Verse 32 – Jonadab –the false friend tells David the news ain't that bad and says Absalom had this plan in mind ever since Amnon forced Tamar. Not a good friend...didn't prevent Amnon from sinning...instead he encouraged it; didn't warn Amnon about the plan, and didn't tell David until after the deed was done. Just as evil. David wasn't told just like Uriah wasn't told what was in the letter. Sow/reap.

David's sons return; Jonadab trying to look good in the face of this tragedy.

Verse 37-38 – Absalom runs to his grandfather's for protection and stays there three years. David mourns for his son everyday...wants to reach out to him. God longs for us to repent and return to Him.