



2 Samuel 11,12

Sins of David

⁹ Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. ... 2 Samuel 12:9 (NKJV)

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■ **David - one of the most popular people in the Bible.**

- ▶ We first meet him as a lowly shepherd boy — 1 Sam. 16
- ▶ He defeats Goliath in the “name of the Lord” — 1 Sam. 17:45-51
- ▶ He serves king Saul with honor — 1 Sam. 18-20
- ▶ David is forced to flee from the king but retains his integrity, honor, & faith — 1 Sam 21-31
- ▶ He even mourns king Saul’s death — 2 Sam. 1

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■ **David - one of the most popular people in the Bible.**

- ▶ David is anointed king and victoriously leads Israel in the ways of the Lord — 2 Sam. 2, 5-10
- ▶ God makes a covenant with David, “¹⁶ your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.” — 2 Sam. 7:1-17
- ▶ David praises & and in humility expresses thanks to God — 2 Sam. 7:18-28

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■ **David - one of the most popular people in the Bible.**

- ▶ However, even a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22) can sin and mess up his life.
- ▶ David acted irresponsibly (2 Samuel 11:1), foolishly (11:2–5) and wickedly (11:6–27).
- ▶ David broke half of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)
- ▶ Sin has consequences - and NOT JUST for the sinner ... David sinned and messed up his life and the lives of many others!

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■ 2 Samuel 11 ...

- ▶ Stayed behind in Jer. – vs. 1
- ▶ Saw & Beheld – vs. 2
- ▶ Inquired & Committed Adultery – vs. 3,4
- ▶ Bathsheba Conceives – vs. 5
- ▶ Prideful Shame & Deceitful Cover Up – vs. 5-27
- ▶ Deceitful scheme to get Uriah to go in to Bathsheba – vs. 6-13
- ▶ Murders Uriah – vs. 14-25
- ▶ Takes his prize - vs. 26-27

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DAVID LET DOWN HIS GUARD — 11:1,2



2 Samuel 11:1–2 (NKJV)

¹ It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. ² Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold.

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👁 The Danger of Letting Your Spiritual Guard Down

- ▶ “Be sober, be vigilant” — Satan never stops trying to destroy the people of God — 1 Pet. 5:8; Luke 22:31
- ▶ Sin is lurking around every corner — Gen 4:6,7
- ▶ We **MUST ALWAYS** be on guard and “make no provision for the flesh” — Mat 26:41; Rom 13:14

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#10: Coveted neighbor's wife (2 Samuel 11:3)



2 Samuel 11:2–5 (NKJV)

² ... he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold. ³ So David sent and inquired about the woman. And *someone* said, “*Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?*” ⁴ Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, ...

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#10: Coveted neighbor's wife (2 Samuel 11:3)



👁️ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s ... wife” — Ex. 20:17

- ▶ David knew this was wrong — did it in secret & tried to cover it up — Rom. 12:12,13; Eph 5:11
- ▶ David was guilty of sinning against God before he touched Bathsheba — Mat. 5:27,28
- ▶ What David did in secret was known by God — Psalm 51:4
- ▶ What made David better than king Ahab? — 1 Kings 21

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#10: Coveted neighbor's wife (2 Samuel 11:3)



- 👁️ All coveting is sin (a form of idolatry) — Lk. 12:15, Col. 3:5
 - ▶ We MUST learn to be content AND thankful for the blessings we have! — Heb. 13:5-6;
 - ▶ Nathan reminds David that God had blessed him in many ways, (2 Sam. 12:7,8), yet David was not content - he wanted more and “despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight” (2 Sam. 12:9)

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#7: Committed Adultery (2 Samuel 11:4)



2 Samuel 11:3,4 (NKJV)
³ “... *Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?*” ⁴ Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.

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#7: Committed Adultery (2 Samuel 11:4)



👁️ “You shall not commit adultery” (Exo. 20:14).

- ▶ David KNEW who Bathsheba was - He knew she was married, yet he pursued her anyway — (2 Sam. 11:3,6)
- ▶ David knew he had no right to lay with Bathsheba, thus he did this in secret, (2 Sam. 12:12).
- ▶ David's unlawful sexual encounter produced a lifetime of pain — (2 Sam 12:10-12)

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#7: Committed Adultery (2 Samuel 11:4)



👁️ Adultery is STILL SIN!

- ▶ Will be the recipients of God's wrath — Col. 3:5,6; Heb. 13:4
- ▶ Adulterers, who do not repent, will not enter heaven — 1 Cor. 6:9; Gal. 5:19; Eph 5:5
- ▶ Numerous warnings in scripture — Prov. 6:20-35; 7:6-27; Mat 19:9
- ▶ We are to be content with our spouse — Prov. 5:18 — love our spouse — Ep. 5:28, 33. — nurture our own marriages — 1 Cor. 7:2

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#8: Stole another man's wife (2 Sam. 12:9)



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#8: Stole another man's wife (2 Sam. 12:9)



👁️ “You shall not steal” —
Exo. 20:15

- ▶ David took Bathsheba, knowing she did not belong to him but to another man — (2 Sam. 11:3,6)
- ▶ How did David feel about the thief Nathan tells him about in the next chapter? (12:1-6)
- ▶ Selfishness blinds the eyes of the selfish to the pain they cause others - David had his eyes opened — 12:7-13

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#8: Stole another man's wife (2 Sam. 12:9)



👁️ **God condemns all stealing: Eph. 4:28, Tit. 2:10**

- ▶ We usually think of stealing in terms of money or physical possessions, but one can steal another's spouse: Mk. 6:17-18
- ▶ The pain caused by such actions are indescribable, much worse than stealing a person's animal, or money, or car, etc.
- ▶ By the way, even if the theft is consensual, it is still theft !!!

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#9: He Lied (2 Sam. 11:7–8, 12–13)



2 Samuel 11:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶ Then David sent to Joab, *saying*, “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷ When Uriah had come to him, David asked how Joab was doing, and how the people were doing, and how the war prospered.

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#9: He Lied (2 Sam. 11:7-8, 12-13)



👁️ **“You shall not bear false witness ...” — Exo. 20:16**

- ▶ David misrepresented the reason for which he had summoned Uriah — 11:6-11
- ▶ He went to great pains to cover up his sin — 11:12,13
- ▶ He lied to Uriah when he sent him back to Joab — took advantage of Uriah’s honor — 11:14,15

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#9: He Lied (2 Sam. 11:7-8, 12-13)

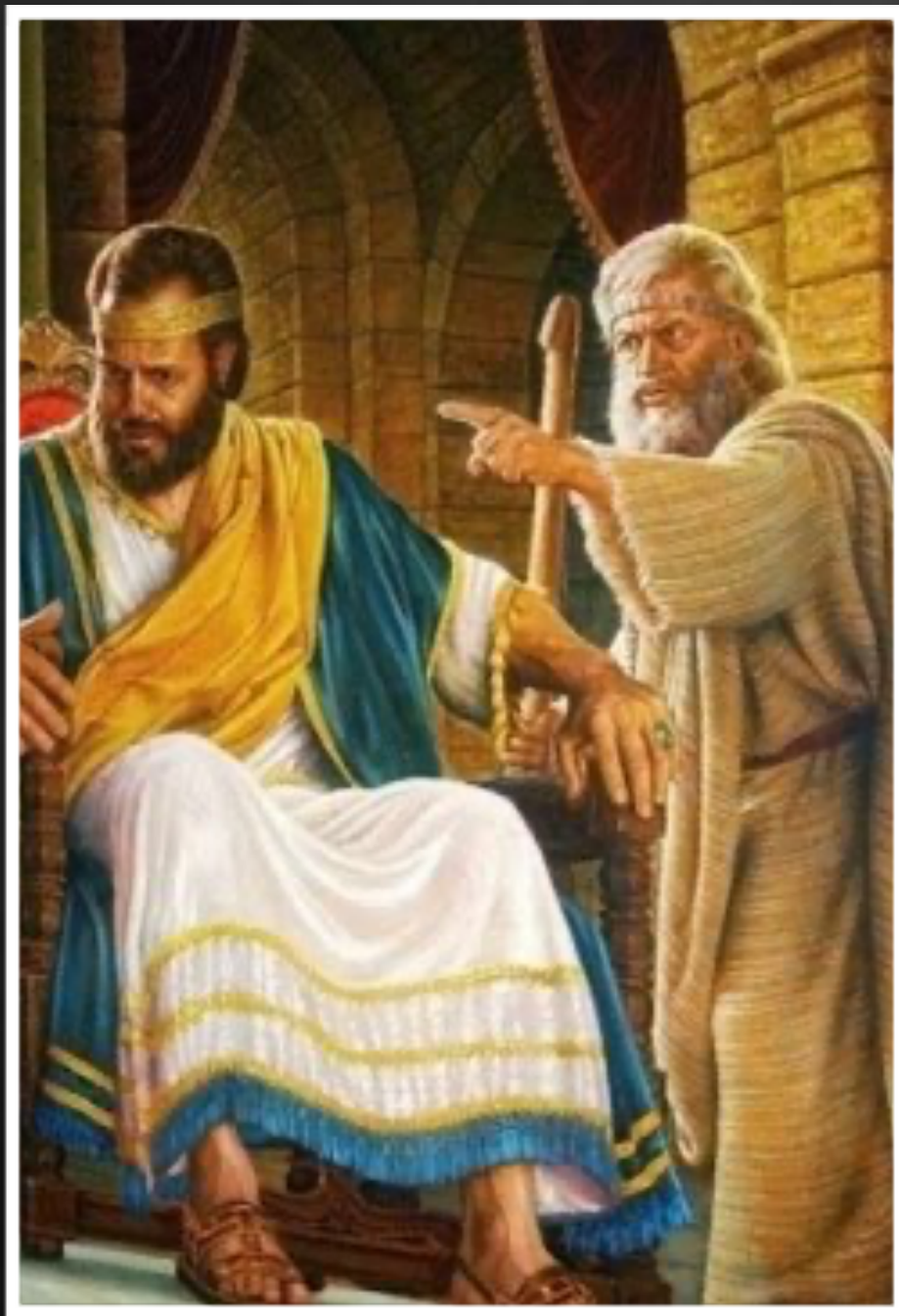


👁️ **All lying is wrong: Jno. 8:44**

- ▶ We MUST put away lying — Acts 5:1-11; Ep. 4:25; Co 3:9.
- ▶ A heart loyal to God will be loyal to what is true — Psalm 32:2; 51:6; Mat 5:33-37; James 5:12
- ▶ We MUST be honest with ourselves & others! — Eph. 4:15; 1 Jno. 3:18

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#6: He Murdered (2 Sam. 11:17; 12:9)



👁️ “You shall not murder”
— Exo. 20:13

- ▶ To cover up his adultery, David had Uriah put to death: 11:14-17
- ▶ Nearly everyone agrees that murder is a horrendous crime: Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:8
- ▶ How could David do such a terrible thing?

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#6: He Murdered (2 Sam. 11:17; 12:9)



- 👁️ **Murder always has been and still is a horrible crime —**
- ▶ Those guilty were to be put to death — Gen. 9:6
- ▶ The Law demanded those guilty of murder, (and other crimes), were to be put to death if there were two or more witnesses — Ex. 21:12–14; Lev. 24:17; Num. 35:33

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- 👁️ **Murder always has been and still is a horrible crime —**
- ▶️ Murderers will not inherit heaven, 1 Co 6:9-11; Ga. 5:19-21; Rv. 21:8
- ▶️ Murder is a loveless act & is of Satan — Mat. 5:21-26; Jn 8:44
- ▶️ One does NOT have to actually “pull the trigger” to be guilty — 11:14,15; 12:9;
- ▶️ You are counted by God as a murderer if you hate — 1 Jn 3:15

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■ Nathan's Rebuke — 2 Sam 12

- ▶ Nathan was sent — 1
- ▶ Nathan's Parable — 1-4
- ▶ David Saw The Guilt In Another That He Would Not See In Himself — 5,6
- ▶ Nathan Makes The Point Clear — "YOU ARE THE MAN" — 7-12
- ▶ David Repents, Confesses & Is Pardoned — 13
- ▶ David's Sin Had Earthly Consequences — 14

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■ What did David do when confronted with his sin?

- ▶ David admitted/acknowledged his sin (2 Samuel 12:13). He took personal responsibility for his sin — He saw himself as God saw him - guilty! Wicked! Unholy! Condemned — (Psalm 51:1-4).
- ▶ David turned to God for he was at God's mercy — (Psalm 51:4).
- ▶ David asked God for forgiveness (Psalm 51:1). He didn't use elaborate or soft vocabulary. He said, "I have sinned."

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■ Lessons Learned ...

- ▶ Our NEED to ALWAYS be on GUARD — 2 Peter 1:5-9
- ▶ Our need to QUICKLY dispel any temptation and remove ourselves from the temptation — Mat. 5:29-30; 1 Cor. 6:18; Ge. 39:12-18; Pr. 2:16-19; 5:3-15; 2 Ti. 2:22.
- ▶ We Are Often Blinded To Our Own Faults & Sin – 12:1-6; Mat. 7:1-6; Rom. 2:1; Gen 3:9-13;

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■ Lessons Learned ...

- ▶ Sin will take us further than we ever DREAMED possible — Jn 8:34; Rom. 7:13-24; James 1:13-15
- ▶ Sin is DESTRUCTIVE — it hurts me — it hurts others — causes death — Rom. 6:23; 14:15
- ▶ We do not sin in a vacuum — my sin affects those around me, and even those a great distance from me — 11:14-17; 12:14,16, ff; 1 Kings 12:25-33; 2 Tim. 2:17,18; etc.

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■ Lessons Learned ...

- ▶ Our need to take responsibility for our sins — to be honest and humble — (2 Sam. 12:13; Ps. 51:1-12; Acts 2:36,37)
- ▶ No matter what sins we have committed, the Lord is willing to forgive us if we are willing to repent. (2 Samuel 12:7-15; 1 John 1:9 - 2:2; 2 Peter 3:9)
- ▶ Even after being forgiven, there are earthly consequences for our sin — (10-12, 14, 16-23; 13:1-14; 15,16; Gal. 6:7-9)

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We have ALL SINNED — Rom. 3:23
BUT - Have WE ALL REPENTED? —
Luke 13:3,5; Act 17:30
Have we ALL BEEN FORGIVEN? —
Act 2:38; 22:16; 1 John 1:9,10

“Have mercy upon me, O God.” — Psalm 51:1

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Psalm 51:10–17 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit. ¹³ *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You. ¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, *And* my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

Psalm 51:10–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For You do not desire
sacrifice, or else I would give *it*;
You do not delight in burnt
offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God
are a broken spirit, A broken and
a contrite heart— These, O God,
You will not despise.