

Background

In our continuation of our study of King David's life we find that like all of us, King David has a major confrontation with sin. Recall that David was hand-picked by God to be the next King of Israel because of he was "a man after God's own heart". In this week's study, we find that even though David was God's man, that he had to deal with his fleshly desires and the consequences of giving in to those desires.

2 Samuel 11

- Verses 1-5
 - What's happening to the "*man after God's own heart*"? What does this tell us about being a Godly man or a Godly woman?
 - It appears that not much time elapses between the time that King David sees Bathsheba and he sleeps with her. What does this reveal to us about King David? What does this tell us about sin?
 - At this point, do you believe that Bathsheba was an unwilling participant in this affair? Was she giving in to the King because she felt she had to or did she desire this encounter with David?

Characteristics of Sin

- Through the encounter that David has with Bathsheba, we learn several things about sin.
 - Sin is desirable
 - We lose our good judgment when sin takes over
 - Sin often comes into our lives swiftly and we don't take the time to think of consequences when we are involved in it
 - The Godly man and Godly woman is also vulnerable to having an opportunity to engage in sin
 - Sin does have consequences

David attempts to hide his sin...

- Verses 6-13
 - What type of man is Uriah, the Hittite? How does he feel about King David?
 - King David is trying to deceive Uriah and have him to go home and have sexual relations with his wife so that it appears that Uriah is the father of the child Bathsheba is carrying. What do we learn about King David in this passage?
 - Life Lesson: When a person who loves God commits sin, he or she often times tries to conceal or cover it up, which eventually leads to more sin.
Acknowledging sin and repenting from it ends the cycle of destruction that sin causes.

Sin grows out of control...

- Verses 14-27
 - David successfully plots to have Uriah murdered.
 - Bathsheba mourns for her husband.
 - We never hear that the Lord was displeased with Bathsheba. Could it be that she was truly a victim in this situation?
 - Verse 27 says, “But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.”
 - Question for Thought: Given that the Lord is upset with David’s behavior, what would you expect to happen next? What should we expect to happen after we *displease the Lord*?

Does one sin lead to another?

King David’s sin has progressed and he has now violated several of the ten commandments.

You shall not commit adultery
You shall not give false testimony against
your neighbor (lie)
You shall not steal
You shall not covet
You shall not kill

James 1: 13-15



What messages are we supposed to receive from this passage?

Life Lesson: Desire leads to **sin** and **SIN** grows out of control and eventually leads to death.

Death can be physical, spiritual or emotional. Death can even be the loss of a relationship or the loss of one's peace of mind.

*Next week, we will explore the
severe consequences
David reaped as a result of the
sin in his life.*