

Sunday Night Message

May 31, 2020

2 Samuel 12 – David and Bathsheba – The Consequences of Sin

Topics – David; Bathsheba; Adultery; Uriah the Hittite; Nathan

Series – *2 Samuel*

Introduction

Last week, we examined the causes of David's sin with Bathsheba from 2 Samuel 11.

Tonight we are going to examine this famous story about David and Bathsheba from 2 Samuel 12 and preach about the consequences of sin.

Read 2 Samuel 12:9 - 23

Explain the story of David, Bathsheba, and Uriah from 2 Samuel 11 that lead up to the consequences in chapter 12.

Explain how God exposed David's sin in the beginning verses of chapter 12.

Read 2 Samuel 12:1 – 8

Two principles regarding sin:

1 All sin will be exposed

*"But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and **be sure your sin will find you out.**" (Numbers 32:23)*

"For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops." (Luke 12:2-3)

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

2 All sin has consequences

According to principle 9 in the RU program, God chooses those consequences.

The purpose of tonight's message is to examine the consequences of David's sin and let those consequences serve as a warning to us.

We are Publicly Humiliated.

The fact that we are still talking about David and Bathsheba after several thousand years is a testimony to the fact that one of the consequences of sin is public humiliation.

Every time we fall into sin, it mars our reputation permanently. However, we can do some things that will partially repair our reputation.

David is known for his sin with Bathsheba, but he is also known for killing the giant. God also called David a man after His own heart. In other words, David did a lot of things that repaired and improved his reputation.

Bathsheba is famous for her illicit affair, but she is also the famous virtuous woman spoken of in Proverbs 31.

If you have fallen into sin, and you have been humiliated publicly, allow the experience to humble you and make you a better person. People are still going to talk – let them talk. The people that talk the most are usually the ones that have their own skeletons they are trying to hide.

Use your experience to warn others away from sin, and to comfort and help restore others, like yourself, who have also fallen.

We deal with Private Guilt.

Turn to Psalm 51

The cure to the guilt is confession.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

"I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah." (Psalm 32:5)

Of course, if you continue in the sin the guilt will never go away, no matter how many times that you confess it.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." (Proverbs 28:13)

We bring Painful Consequences to those that we love.

1 We involve others and therefore bring consequences upon them. When David gave in to his lust for Bathsheba, he brought a lot of other people into his sin:

Bathsheba

The messengers that "took her"

Joab

Illustrate – When Peter decided to leave God's calling and go back to fishing, he took the other disciples with him.

Illustrate – Achan's sin in the Book of Joshua led to the defeat of the Army of Israel at Ai, which caused the deaths of many more people.

Everybody we bring with us into our sin will also have to answer to God and face his or her own consequences.

2 We injure others that are completely innocent.

Uriah

The other soldiers that were put in danger

The babe that died

Look at 2 Samuel 12:11 – 12 - The rape committed by Amnon and the rebellion caused by Absalom.

3 We grieve God and the people that love us.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." (3 John 1:4)

The converse of this is also true.

If you have already fallen, you cannot undo the damage that you have caused, but you can determine that you will in the future be a blessing to the people around you rather than a curse.

We do Permanent Damage to the cause of Christ.

Notice v. 14 – God's enemies win a temporary battle when we fall into sin.

"Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed." (Psalm 79:9-10)

As God's ambassadors, it is our duty, our privilege, to magnify the Lord – to make Him look good to the people around us. When we fall into sin, we not only make God's people look bad, we bring reproach to the name of Christ.

Conclusion

To those who have already fallen – get back up. Dust yourself off, accept the consequences, and move forward. Determine that you will never let it happen again. Know that God forgives and forgets, but also understand that men will most likely not forget. Seek to improve your reputation, and, more importantly, the reputation of God, by forsaking sin and fulfilling the will of God.

To those of you who don't have any major blemishes on your record, stay as far away from sin as you possibly can. Be accountable to somebody. Put up some fences in your life that will help keep the devil out and will also help to keep you inside of God's perfect will.

To those of you who are in sin, but you have not yet been caught – get right. Confess it God immediately and forsake it. Get help if you have to. God is merciful and very gracious, and He may not have to punish you if you come to Him before He has to come to you.

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

BATTLES DURING DAVID'S REIGN

- City
- City with an uncertain location
- ← Philistines attack David in the Valley of Rephaim, near Baal-perazim (2 Sam. 5:17ff)
- ← David repels Philistine attacks (2 Sam. 5:25)
- ← David attacks Hadadezer, king of Zobah (2 Sam. 8:3ff)
- ← Edomites threaten David at Valley of Salt (2 Sam. 8:13)
- ← David decisively defeats the Edomites (2 Sam. 8:14)
- ← Ammonites, aided by the Aramean mercenary forces of Zobah, Beth-rehob, Maacah and Tob, challenge David near Rabbah (Amman) (2 Sam. 10:1ff)
- ← David's forces defeat the Ammonite-Aramean confederation (2 Sam. 10:7ff)
- ← Hadadezer, king of Zobah, leads an Aramean army against David at Helam (2 Sam. 10:15ff)
- ← David defeats Hadadezer's Aramean confederation at Helam (2 Sam. 10:17ff)
- ← David is expelled from Jerusalem by his son Absalom (2 Sam. 17:21ff)
- ← David dispatches a census team throughout his realm (2 Sam. 24:1ff)
- ★ Battle scene

