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REVELATION, REPENTANCE, RESTORATION



2 Samuel 12: 1 - 25

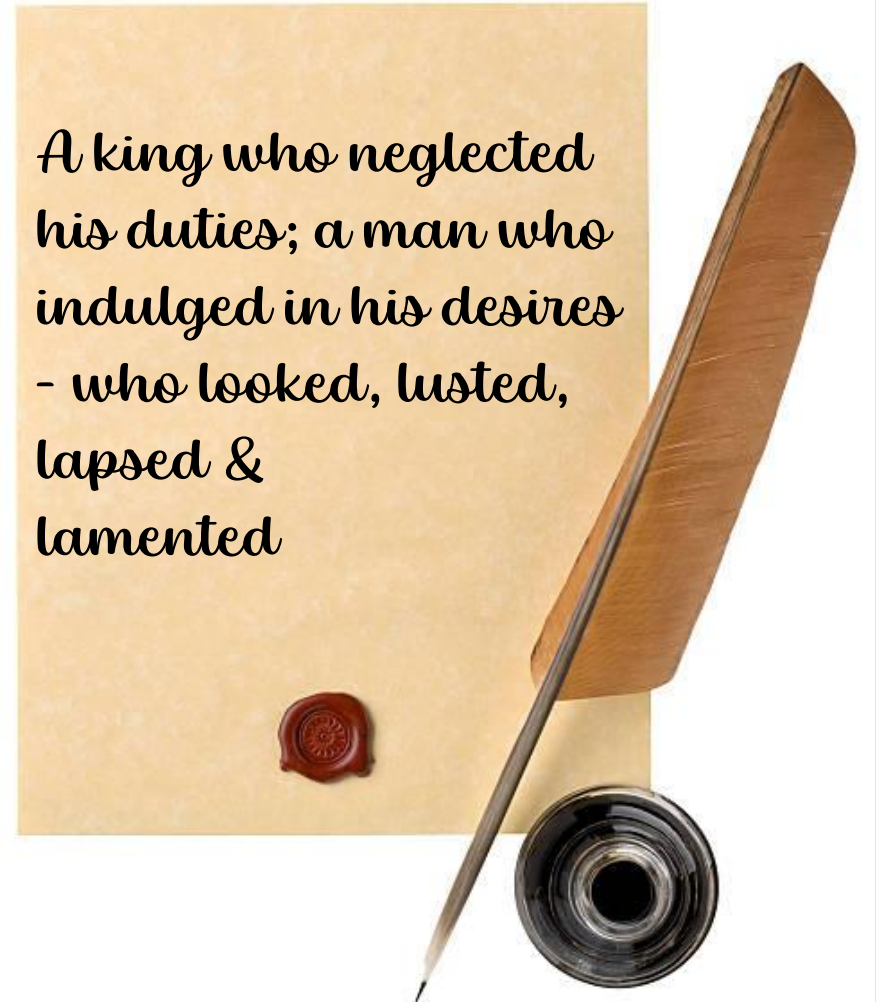
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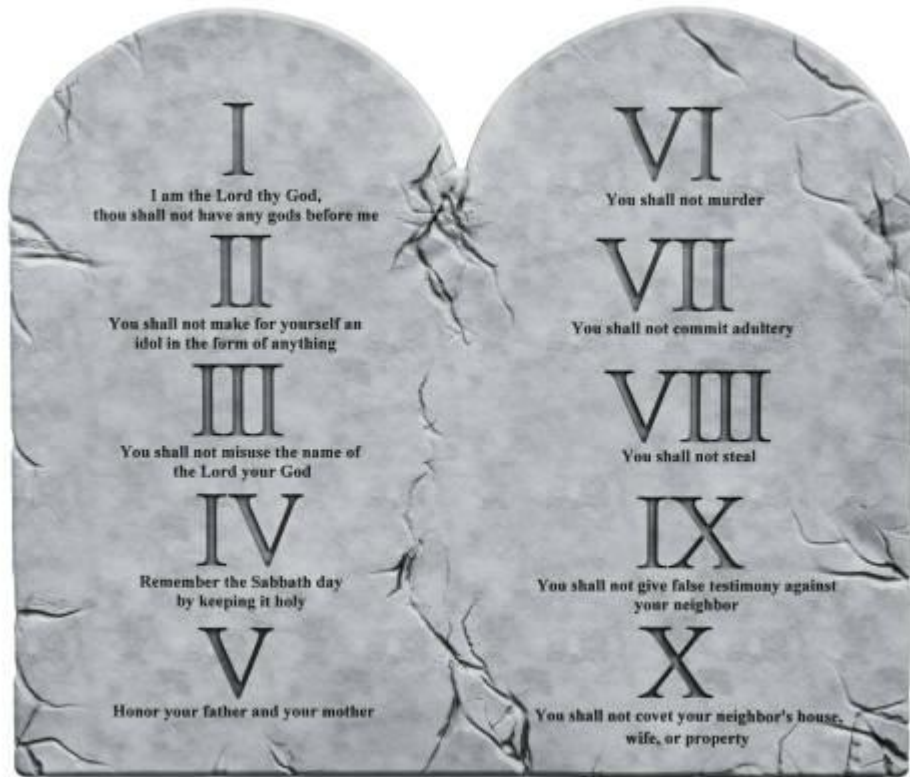
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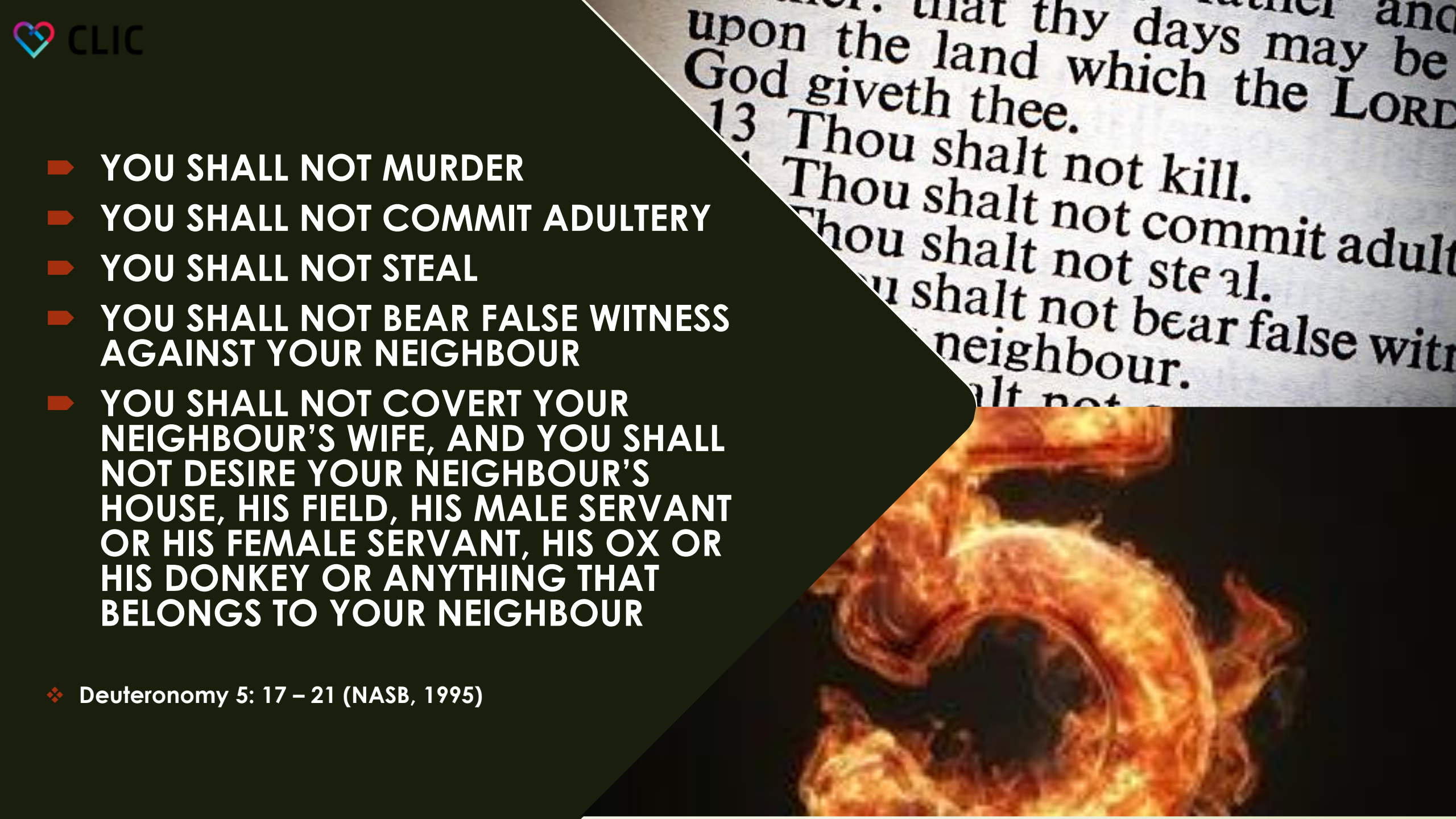
2 SAMUEL 11

A KING WHO LOVED THE LORD BUT LOST HIS WAY





**HOW
MANY
COMMANDMENTS
DID DAVID BREAK
THROUGH HIS
RELATIONSHIP
WITH BATHSHEBA?**



- YOU SHALL NOT MURDER
- YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY
- YOU SHALL NOT STEAL
- YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOUR
- YOU SHALL NOT COVERT YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S WIFE, AND YOU SHALL NOT DESIRE YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE, HIS FIELD, HIS MALE SERVANT OR HIS FEMALE SERVANT, HIS OX OR HIS DONKEY OR ANYTHING THAT BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR

2 SAMUEL 11: 27b (NASB. 1995)

BUT

***THE THING THAT DAVID HAD DONE
WAS EVIL
IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD***

Alt. Reading

“The thing that David had done **displeased** the LORD” (NIV)

A REMINDER THAT GOD SEES EVERYTHING

- DAVID INITIALLY LIVED FOR GOD. NOT FOR HIMSELF.
- YET NOW, HE HAD FORGOTTEN THAT GOD SETS THE STANDARD – NOT MODERN-DAY MORALITY & CULTURE.
- HE HAD FORGOTTEN THAT GOD IS EVERYWHERE AND THAT THE LORD SEES EVERYTHING – EVEN IN THE DARKNESS.

*“IF I ASCEND TO HEAVEN, YOU ARE THERE;
IF I MAKE MY BED IN SHEOL, BEHOLD YOU ARE THERE
IF I SAY, “SURELY THE DARKNESS WILL OVERWHELM ME, AND THE LIGHT
AROUND ME WILL BE NIGHT”
EVEN THE DARKNESS IS NOT DARK TO YOU, AND THE NIGHT IS AS BRIGHT AS
THE DAY. DARKNESS AND LIGHT ARE ALIKE TO YOU”*

Psalms 139: 8, 11-12 (NASB, 1995)

A LESSON THAT GOD CANNOT BE DECEIVED (1 Kings 14)

- AN AMAZING STORY ABOUT THE WIFE OF JEROBOAM WHO DISGUISED HERSELF BEFORE GOING TO SEE AHIJAH IN SHILOH.
- BEFORE SHE EVEN ENTERED THE ROOM, AHIJAH SAID *“COME IN, WIFE OF JEROBOAM, WHY DO YOU PRETEND TO BE ANOTHER WOMAN?”* (1 KINGS 14: 6; NASB)
- NOW AHIJAH WAS BLIND (*“NOW ABIJAH COULD NOT SEE, FOR HIS EYES WERE DIM BECAUSE OF HIS AGE”* 1 KINGS 14:4b; NASB)
- HER DISGUISE DID NOT FOOL HIM. GOD’S PROPHET STILL KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON.

ALL THINGS WILL BE EXPOSED BEFORE GOD

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO MISLEAD PEOPLE INTO THINKING THAT YOU ARE WALKING UPRIGHTEDLY, BUT YOU CANNOT HIDE YOUR WAYS FROM THE LORD

**GOD SEES EVERYTHING AND WHEN HE SEES SIN,
HE HATES IT WITH A RIGHTEOUS ANGER.**

THERE IS NO DARKNESS BEFORE HIM, EVERYTHING IS BLAZING LIGHT.

ALL WILL BE REVEALED

2 SAMUEL 12: 11, 12

**“INDEED YOU DID IT
SECRETLY, BUT I WILL DO THIS
THING BEFORE ALL ISRAEL
AND UNDER THE SUN”**



2 SAMUEL 12: 1 (NASB. 1995)

THEN

***THE LORD SENT NATHAN TO DAVID.
AND HE CAME TO HIM
AND SAID..***

NATHAN

- ❖ A PROPHET WHO SERVED DURING THE TIME OF DAVID & SOLOMON (1 Chron. 29:29)
- ❖ REVEALS GOD'S PLAN & PROMISE TO DAVID (2 Sam 7: 2-29)
- ❖ SENT TO ADMONISH DAVID (2 Sam. 12: 1-15)
- ❖ RENAMES SOLOMON AS JEDIDIAH (2 Sam. 12: 24,25)
- ❖ See also 1 Kings 1:10-46; 1 Kings 4: 1,2,5)



Prophet Nathan ermahnt König David
By Palma il Giovane (1550 -1628)

WANTED: OBEDIENT PEOPLE

2 SAMUEL 7: 17 (ESV)

**“IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL THESE WORDS,
AND
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL THIS VISION,
NATHAN SPOKE..”**

“

**IT IS ONE THING TO HEAR GOD
SPEAK, BUT QUITE ANOTHER TO
HAVE THE WISDOM TO
COMMUNICATE WHAT HE SAYS”**

PHIL MOORE, 2012

NATHAN WAS A MAN WHO HEARD FROM THE LORD AND WHO WAS NOT AFRAID TO
COMMUNICATE WHAT HE HEARD EVEN IF IT MIGHT BE COSTLY FOR HIM TO DO SO.

2 SAMUEL 7: 1- 17; 2 SAMUEL 12: 1 – 15; 2 SAMUEL 12: 25

A PARABLE OF TWO MEN

2 SAMUEL 12: 1 - 4

A RICH MAN	A POOR MAN
A FORTUNATE MAN	A POOR BUT CONTENTED & HAPPY MAN
HAD A GREAT MANY FLOCKS & HERDS	ONE LITTLE EWE LAMB WHICH HE HAD BOUGHT
TREATED HIS FLOCKS AS A COMMODITY & WAS UNWILLING TO SHARE EVEN WHEN A TRAVELLER CAME BY	HE LOVED THAT LAMB & TREATED IT AS ONE OF THE FAMILY – IT WOULD EAT & DRINK & LIE IN HIS ARMS & WAS LIKE A DAUGHTER TO HIM
HE <u>TOOK</u> THE EWE FROM THE POOR MAN AND HE <u>KILLED (PREPARED)</u> IT FOR THE TRAVELLER	
THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO MORAL AMBIGUITY IN THE STORY TOLD BY NATHAN. THE QUESTION WAS, AND IS, WHAT DOES JUSTICE DEMAND? WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THIS SITUATION?	

DAVID'S RESPONSE TO THE STORY

2 SAMUEL 12: 5,6

***“AS THE LORD LIVES,
SURELY THE MAN WHO HAS DONE THIS DESERVES TO DIE.***

***HE MUST MAKE RESTITUTION FOR THE LAMB FOURFOLD,
BECAUSE HE DID THIS THING AND HAD NO COMPASSION.”***

DAVID REACTS TO THE STORY BY TAKING THE POSITION OF JUDGE

**HE REACTS WITH ANGER, INVOKES THE NAME OF THE LORD AND
PROCLAIMS THE DEATH SENTENCE ON THE RICH MAN**

DAVID'S RESPONSE TO THE STORY

2 SAMUEL 12: 5,6

THE PROBLEM IS HOWEVER THAT THE SITUATION DID NOT WARRANT THE DEATH PENALTY.

THE LAW ONLY REQUIRED A FOUR-FOLD PAYMENT FOR THE OFFENSE

***“IF A MAN STEALS AN OX OR A SHEEP,
AND SLAUGHTERS IT OR SELLS IT,
HE SHALL PAY FIVE OXEN FOR THE OX
AND FOUR SHEEP FOR THE SHEEP”***

Exodus 22:1 (NASB, 1995)



**WHY DID DAVID REACT
IN SUCH A FURIOUS AND
UNBALANCED WAY?**

STEP 1

REVELATION

SIN WILL BE REVEALED

2 SAMUEL 12: 7

“YOU ARE THE MAN!”

THE RICH MAN WAS DAVID. THE MAN'S FLOCKS & HERDS WERE DAVID'S VAST POSSESSIONS, ESPECIALLY HIS WIVES . THE POOR MAN WAS URIAH. THE TRAVELLER WAS A PICTURE OF DAVID'S RESTLESS DESIRES, HIS WANDERING EYES. THE LAMB WAS BATHSHEBA. DAVID HAD TAKEN BATHSHEBA. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR URIAH'S DEATH.

DAVID WAS THE GUILTY ONE!!! HE WAS THE ONE WHO DESERVED TO DIE!

INDICTMENT BROUGHT; VERDICT DELIVERED



A TWO-PART INDICTMENT

2 SAMUEL 12: 7 -9 (NASB, 1995)

**“THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL,
‘IT IS I WHO ANOINTED YOU KING OVER ISRAEL AND IT IS I WHO
DELIVERED YOU FROM THE HAND OF SAUL.
I ALSO GAVE YOU YOUR MASTER’S HOUSE AND YOUR MASTER’S WIVES
INTO YOUR CARE,
AND I GAVE YOU THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH;
AND IF THAT HAD BEEN TOO LITTLE, I WOULD HAVE ADDED TO YOU
MANY MORE THINGS LIKE THESE!’ “**

**THE GOD WHO HAD GIVEN SO MUCH TO DAVID
ASKS DAVID WHY HE HAD BEHAVED IN SUCH A MANNER
BY “TAKING” WHAT WAS NOT HIS.**

INDICTMENT #1 - MURDER

2 SAMUEL 12: 9 (NASB, 1995)

***“WHY HAVE YOU DESPISED THE WORD OF THE LORD
BY DOING EVIL IN HIS SIGHT?
YOU HAVE **STRUCK DOWN URIAH** THE HITTITE WITH THE SWORD,
HAVE TAKEN HIS WIFE TO BE YOUR WIFE,
AND HAVE KILLED HIM WITH THE SWORD OF THE SONS OF AMMON.”***

**NOTE THAT THE INDICTMENT BEGINS NOT WITH THE CRIME
BUT WITH THE HEART OF EVIL THAT THE CRIME REVEALED.**

**DAVID DESPISED THE WORD OF THE LORD BY
(a) DESPISING THE EXTRAORDINARY PROMISE & PROVISION OF GOD
(b) DESPISING THE GRACE OF GOD**

1 SAMUEL 2: 30b (NASB. 1995)

***“...FOR THOSE WHO HONOUR ME
I WILL HONOUR,
AND
THOSE WHO DESPISE ME
WILL BE LIGHTLY ESTEEMED”***

INDICTMENT #2 - ADULTERY

2 SAMUEL 12: 10 b (NASB, 1995)

**“..BECAUSE YOU HAVE DESPISED ME AND HAVE TAKEN THE WIFE OF
URIAH THE HITTITE TO BE YOUR WIFE.”**

TO DESPISE THE WORD OF THE LORD IS TO DESPISE GOD HIMSELF.

**THE EVIDENCE FOR THIS CHARGE IS THAT DAVID HAD COMMITTED
ADULTERY BY “TAKING” BATHSHEBA.**

THE INDICTMENT COULD NOT BE CHALLENGED.

THE VERDICT COULD BE DELIVERED

VERDICT PROCLAIMED

2 SAMUEL 12: 10a, 11, 12 (NASB, 1995)

“NOW, THEREFORE THE SWORD SHALL NEVER DEPART FROM YOUR HOUSE...

**THUS SAYS THE LORD,
‘BEHOLD, I WILL RAISE UP EVIL AGAINST YOU FROM YOUR OWN
HOUSEHOLD.**

**I WILL EVEN TAKE YOUR WIVES BEFORE YOUR EYES AND GIVE THEM TO
YOUR COMPANION, AND HE WILL LIE WITH YOUR WIVES IN BROAD
DAYLIGHT.**

**INDEED YOU DID IT SECRETLY,
BUT I WILL DO THIS THING BEFORE ALL ISRAEL, AND UNDER THE SUN.’ ”**

STEP



REPENTANCE

VERDICT ACCEPTED; REPENTANCE OFFERED

2 SAMUEL 12: 13a; PSALM 51: (NASB, 1995)

DAVID COULD HAVE ARGUED HIS CASE.

HE COULD HAVE APPEALED TO HIS DEVOTION TO GOD'S WORD -
after all, he didn't just love Scripture, he wrote large portions of it! He even wrote songs and taught Israel to sing them. He remembered what the Law said about the penalty for sheep stealing. He didn't appeal because he knew that his love for Scripture had not stopped him from breaking 5 of the commandments.

HE COULD HAVE APPEALED TO HIS VIRTUOUS TRACK RECORD –
after all, he had achieved so much more for God's glory than anyone else in the past 350 years. BUT he knew the Scriptures well enough to know that Adam and Eve were so much better than him and yet were banished because of one sin.

VERDICT ACCEPTED; REPENTANCE OFFERED

2 SAMUEL 12: 13a; PSALM 51: (NASB, 1995)

**DAVID KNEW HE HAD NO OPTION BUT TO THROW
HIMSELF ON THE MERCY OF THE COURT.**

**HE KNEW THAT
GOD IS UNIMPRESSED
WHEN MAN TRIES TO COVER UP HIS SIN
AND SHAME AND TO MAKE EXCUSES**

GUILT ADMITTED; REPENTANCE OFFERED

2 SAMUEL 12: 13a; PSALM 51: 1- 19 (NASB, 1995)

**“THEN DAVID SAID TO NATHAN,
'I HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD.' ”**

**‘BE GRACIOUS TO ME , O GOD...
ACCORDING TO THE GREATNESS OF YOUR COMPASSION BLOT OUT MY
TRANSGRESSIONS...
WASH ME THOROUGHLY FROM MY INIQUITY AND CLEANSE ME FROM MY
SIN...**

**I KNOW MY TRANSGRESSIONS, AND MY SIN IS EVER BEFORE ME...
**YOU ARE JUSTIFIED WHEN YOU SPEAK AND BLAMELESS WHEN YOU
JUDGE...****

**PURIFY ME WITH HYSSOP, AND I SHALL BE CLEAN; WASH ME, AND I SHALL
BE WHITER THAN SNOW...
CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A STEADFAST SPIRIT
IN ME.”**

**VERDICT ACCEPTED; GUILT ADMITTED;
REPENTANCE OFFERED**

2 SAMUEL 12: 13a; PSALM 51: (NASB, 1995)

**DAVID WAS NEVER PERFECT OR SINLESS, BUT HIS HEART
LONGED TO PLEASE GOD.**

**THIS IS WHY HE IMMEDIATELY OWNED UP TO
HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND WAS WILLING TO
ACCEPT THE LORD'S VERDICT**

STEP

3

RESTORATION

REPENTANCE ACCEPTED; PENALTY DECLARED

***“AND NATHAN SAID TO DAVID,
‘THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY YOUR SIN;
YOU SHALL NOT DIE’”***

2 SAMUEL 13b (NASB, 1995)

DEUTERONOMY 22: 22 (NASB. 1995)

***IF A MAN IS FOUND LYING WITH A MARRIED
WOMAN,
THEN BOTH OF THEM SHALL DIE,
THE MAN WHO LAY WITH THE WOMAN,
AND THE WOMAN;
THUS YOU SHALL PURGE THE EVIL FROM ISRAEL.***

GOD'S GRACE IS SCANDALOUS

2 SAMUEL 12: 13b - 15

THE SCANDAL OF GOD'S GRACE

**GOD TOOK AWAY DAVID'S SIN EVEN THOUGH DAVID HAD NO EXCUSE.
WHAT DAVID DID WAS NOT HARMLESS – PEOPLE DIED!**

**THE LORD WOULD NOT HOLD DAVID'S SIN AGAINST HIM.
DAVID WOULD NOT BEAR THE PENALTY THAT HE DESERVED**

GRACE WITH CONSEQUENCES

2 SAMUEL 12: 13b - 15

**GOD'S GRACE DOES NOT ALTER THE FACT THAT SIN IS A TRANSGRESSION OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HAS TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES**

**THE TERRIBLE THINGS PROCLAIMED IN 2 SAM 12: 10 -12 WOULD EVENTUALLY
HAPPEN.**

**BUT THE LORD'S STEADFAST LOVE DID NOT DEPART FROM DAVID (2 Sam.
7:15) NOR DID THE LORD REJECT DAVID (1 Sam. 15:23)**

2 SAMUEL 12: 10a, 11, 12 (NASB, 1995)

“NOW, THEREFORE THE SWORD SHALL NEVER DEPART FROM YOUR HOUSE...

**THUS SAYS THE LORD,
‘BEHOLD, I WILL RAISE UP EVIL AGAINST YOU FROM YOUR OWN
HOUSEHOLD.**

**I WILL EVEN TAKE YOUR WIVES BEFORE YOUR EYES AND GIVE THEM TO
YOUR COMPANION, AND HE WILL LIE WITH YOUR WIVES IN BROAD
DAYLIGHT.**

**INDEED YOU DID IT SECRETLY,
BUT I WILL DO THIS THING BEFORE ALL ISRAEL, AND UNDER THE SUN.’ ”**

LESSON

SIN HAS TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES

2 SAMUEL 12: 13b - 15

DAVID'S SIN WAS TAKEN AWAY BUT HE HAD GIVEN CAUSE FOR GOD'S ENEMIES TO MOCK, TO SCORN

FOR THE SAKE OF HIS NAME, GOD WOULD NOT ALLOW DAVID'S SIN TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE

TERRIBLE AS IT WAS, THE CHILD BORN OUT OF DAVID'S ADULTERY HAD TO DIE

2 SAMUEL 12: 14 (NASB. 1995)

SEE ALSO ROMANS 2; 24; ISAIAH 52:5

“HOWEVER,

**BECAUSE BY THIS DEED YOU HAVE GIVEN
OCCASION TO THE ENEMIES OF THE LORD TO
BLASPHEME,
THE CHILD ALSO THAT IS BORN TO YOU SHALL
SURELY DIE”**

2 SAMUEL 12: 15, 18a (NASB. 1995)

“SO NATHAN WENT TO HIS HOUSE.

THEN

**THE LORD STRUCK THE CHILD THAT URIAH’S
WIDOW BORE TO DAVID, SO THAT HE WAS
VERY SICK...**

THEN

**IT HAPPENED ON THE SEVENTH DAY
THAT THE CHILD DIED.”**



***CAN I BRING HIM BACK
AGAIN?
I WILL GO TO HIM,
BUT HE WILL NOT RETURN TO
ME.***

2 SAMUEL 12: 23 (NASB, 1995)

REPENTANCE RESULTS IN CHANGED BEHAVIOUR

2 SAMUEL 12; 16 -20

V.16,17

DAVID '**INQUIRED OF GOD FOR THE CHILD**' – HE WHO HAS DISREGARDED THE LORD FOR SO LONG & WHO HAD ACTED ONLY IN SELF-INTEREST NOW SOUGHT THE LORD ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE ELSE – **DAVID HAD BEGUN TO CARE ONCE AGAIN.**

DAVID DISPLAYED HIS HUMILITY IN SEEKING THE LORD FOR HIS CHILD – IT IS ALMOST LIKE HE WAS SAYING “LORD MY CHILD IS SUFFERING BECAUSE OF MY SIN. HAVE MERCY ON HIM AS YOU HAVE HAD MERCY ON ME” – **DAVID WAS INTERCEEDING FOR HIS CHILD** – HE WAS STANDING BEFORE THE LORD IN PLACE OF HIS CHILD – HIS BEHAVIOUR WAS DIFFERENT

DAVID **EARNESTLY** SOUGHT THE LORD – HE '**FASTED AND WENT AND LAY ALL NIGHT ON THE GROUND**' – HE DID THIS EVERY DAY & NIGHT (HE WAS '**UNWILLING**' TO BE DISTRACTED) FOR 7 DAYS.

REPENTANCE RESULTS IN CHANGED BEHAVIOUR

2 SAMUEL 12; 16 -20

V.18, 19	'..ON THE SEVENTH DAY THAT THE CHILD DIED' – SEVEN DAYS IS OFTEN THE PERIOD OF MOURNING AFTER A DEATH (e.g. Genesis 50:10; 1 Samuel 31:13). DAVID'S SEVEN DAYS OF SEEKING THE LORD FOR HIS CHILD APPEARS AMOST LIKE A PERIOD OF MOURNING, TO THE EXTENT THAT EVEN HIS SERVANTS WERE CONCERNED FOR HIM.
	YET, DESPITE HIS DESPERATE INTENSE INTERCESSION, DAVID RETAINED HIS AWARENESS. HE 'PERCEIVED' , HE 'UNDERSTOOD' THAT HIS CHILD HAD DIED.
	DAVID'S ERNEST PRAYERS HAD NOT PREVENTED THE DEATH OF HIS CHILD. HOW WOULD DAVID RESPOND? HIS SERVANTS WERE SO WORRIED...
	HAVE YOU EVER HAD YOUR PRAYERS NOT ANSWERED? WHAT WAS YOUR RESPONSE?

REPENTANCE RESULTS IN CHANGED BEHAVIOUR

2 SAMUEL 12; 16 -20

V.20, 21	<p>DAVID'S BEHAVIOUR AT THE DEATH OF HIS SON WAS UNEXPECTED - HE 'AROSE, WASHED ANOINTED HIMSELF, CHANGED CLOTHES, WENT AND <u>WORSHIPPED THE LORD</u> AND ATE'. IT PERPLEXED HIS SERVANTS WHO COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY. BUT DAVID DID – HE ACCEPTS THAT GOD IS GOD. <u>TRUE WORSHIP IS ABSOLUTE SURRENDER</u> SEE ALSO JOB'S RESPONSE TO HIS TERRIBLE LOSSES 'THE LORD GAVE, AND THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY; BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD' (Job 1: 20,21)</p>
V.22, 23	<p>DAVID'S INTERCESSION WAS BASED ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF GOD'S GRACE TOWARDS DAVID. HE DID NOT ASSUME WHAT GOD, IN HIS KINDNESS, WOULD DO. THAT IS WHY DAVID PETITIONED THE LORD. HE PRAYED BECAUSE GOD HAD BEEN GRACIOUS TO HIM, BUT NOT BECAUSE HE KNEW WHETHER THE LORD WOULD, OR WOULD NOT GRANT HIS PRAYER.</p>
	<p>WITH THE CHILD'S DEATH, GOD WILL WAS KNOWN. DAVID KNEW THAT HIS PRAYERS WOULD NOT BRING HIS CHILD BACK – HE KNEW THE FINALITY OF DEATH. DAVID'S ACCEPTANCE OF HIS CHILD'S DEATH IMPLIES A CONTENTMENT WITH THE WISDOM OF GOD AS WELL AS TRUST IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD.</p>

CONSEQUENCES OF DAVID'S SIN BEING 'TAKEN AWAY

2 SAMUEL 12: 24, 25 (NASB, 1995)

LESSON

1) DAVID DID NOT DIE AS THE LAW REQUIRED – **HIS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD WAS RESTORED**

2) DAVID'S MARRIAGE TO BATHSHEBA WAS BLESSED – **HIS HOUSEHOLD WAS RESTORED**: 'THEN DAVID [WENT AND] COMFORTED HIS WIFE BATHSHEBA' THIS WAS A MIRACLE OF GRACE! THE ONLY REASON THEIR MARRIAGE TO BE UNAFFECTED BY DAVID'S SIN WAS BECAUSE GOD HAS TAKEN AWAY DAVID'S SIN

3) DAVID 'WENT IN TO HER AND LAY WITH HER" AND BATHSHEBA 'GAVE BIRTH TO A SON' NAMED SOLOMON. THE MARRIAGE WAS NOW LEGITIMATE. PEACE HAD COME TO DAVID'S HOUSEHOLD. 'AND THE LORD LOVED HIM [SOLOMON]' AND NAMED HIM JEDIDIAH (BELOVED OF THE LORD)



SIN IS VERY SERIOUS

ALL HUMAN SIN HAS CONSEQUENCES

WE CANNOT ALWAYS UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES; WE MAY EVEN HATE THE CONSEQUENCES. BUT WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT GOD'S WORD EXPOSES ALL OF US AS SINNERS

ONLY WHEN WE UNDERSTAND THE REALITY AND SERIOUSNESS OF SIN, WOULD WE BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND THE WONDER OF GOD'S GRACE & KEEP SHORT ACCOUNTS WITH GOD

WICKEDNESS IS NOT TOLERATED IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

REVELATION 21: 3 -8 (NASB, 1995)

GOD HAS PROMISED THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE TEARS, NO WEeping, NO DEATH, NO MOURNING, NO PAIN – FOR THESE THINGS WILL HAVE PASSED AWAY

BUT FOR THE COWARDLY, UNBELIEVING & ABOMINABLE, MURDERERS, IMMORAL PEOPLE, SOECERERS, IDOLATERS & ALL LIARS; THERE WILL BE NO PLACE

DAVID WAS BROUGHT TO HIS KNEES BY GOD'S WORD & CONFESSED HIS SIN. THE LORD HIMSELF DEALT WITH HIS SIN. DAVID'S CRIMES STILL HAD CONSEQUENCES. BUT GOD'S PROMISES WERE SURE.

REMEMBER

THE SCARS OF DISOBEDIENCE CAN REMAIN FOR A LONG TIME

BUT DO NOT LET THOSE SCARS REMIND YOU ONLY OF
YOUR ACT OF DISOBEDIENCE

LET THOSE SCARS REMIND YOU OF THE GRACE OF CHRIST
AND THE FORGIVENESS OF THE LORD

NEVER FORGET GOD FORGIVES SIN AT AN ENORMOUS
COST – HE WATCHED HIS SON, JESUS, DIE ON THE CROSS
TO ATONE FOR OUR SIN



2 SAMUEL 12 ends with the sentence:

“THEN DAVID AND ALL THE PEOPLE RETURNED TO JERUSALEM”

The people were safe (for now). David was king (for now).

**Troubles, however, lay ahead for David and his kingdom –
troubles that were rippling out from his sin.**

BUT

**The fact remains that
David's restoration as a man and as king is a remarkable
story of
the Grace of God and the Sovereignty of God.**

**David's story in 2 SAMUEL 11 & 12 is
a story of hope and restoration.**

**It tells us that our sin can be taken away instantly when we
confess and surrender totally to the Lord.**

**It teaches us that while there are consequences to our sin,
God's good purposes for us are not destroyed
IF we confess our sin & return to the Lord.**

It asks us the question
**“Are you prepared to give up everything to the God who
gave everything, even His own son Jesus, for us.”**

**David's story in 2 SAMUEL 12 points us
towards
the kingdom of God in which
all things will be restored to their proper order.**

**This is what the death of Jesus Christ is all about
(Colossians 1:20).**

For
AT THE HEART OF RESTORATION IS THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
(Colossians 1:14; 2:13; Matthew 1: 21)

**David's story in 2 SAMUEL 12 tells us that
restoration IS possible.**

**David's repentance and restoration points us
towards a time when
Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham
would come to save His people from their sins.**

**And not will He save,
but
our Lord Jesus Christ will restore all those who come to Him,
just as one day He will graciously restore all things.**





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