



## 2 SAMUEL – THE HEART OF A KING SERIES

### SCRIPTURE READING:

**2 Samuel 12: 1 – 25**

Dear CLIC family

Welcome as we continue our OT studies looking at the book of 2 Samuel. The questions are based on the English sermon as preached by Pastor Randel on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2025. The audio recording of the sermon is unfortunately unavailable. However, the slides are available at the following link:

<https://www.clichurch.com/podcasts/english-sermons/2025-06-08-the-axe-is-laid-to-the-root-of-the-tree-2-samuel-12-1-25>

### 1. Overall

In considering this chapter, is there one thing that causes you the most difficulty? Why? Discuss.

Conversely, which part of this chapter gives you the greatest joy and hope? Why?

### 2. 2 Samuel 12: 1 -12

One of the roles of a King was to serve as the final court of appeal in matters of justice for his subjects. The King was supposed to be a man who loved righteousness and hated evil (**Psalm 45:7**). So, David was fulfilling his role when Nathan brought the case of the rich man versus the poor man before him.

Imagine yourself as a member of a court jury listening to Nathan - Do you believe that David was correct in bringing his verdict as he did? Why? Discuss your conclusion from the point of Scripture.

How could David be so sensitive to the evils of injustice in others but not even recognise such evil in himself, even though it was being so obviously acted out before by Nathan? Is there anything in your life that God is trying to get you to confront and yet you are barely aware of it or that you have

sought to suppress? Would you be willing to simply ask the Lord to bring to light the things in you that He is displeased with. The Lord can set you free.

### **3. 2 Samuel 12:13 –25**

It can be difficult for us when we read about David and Bathsheba's child. However, we must recognise that the Bible warns against seeking to argue with God and to try to form a link between sin and sickness.

Discuss the following statement – "All sickness is ultimately a result of the fact that we live in a fallen world" (**John 9: 1-3**). The writer of 2 Samuel is very clear – there is an undeniable link between David's sin and the child's sickness (**2 Samuel 12:15**). Can we agree that the child is guiltless? But was the child sinless? (see **Psalms 51: 5**).

Is God fair in inflicting this punishment on David especially as David had repented? Discuss.

Look at **Job 38: 2-4** – Are you willing to just acknowledge that God is the Creator, the Sovereign One, and that we are His creation? Does this mean that we are not allowed to question what God is doing in our lives, especially when the outcomes are contrary to our expectations? Are we willing, like Job, to stop telling God how to run the world and implying that we could do a better job than God. Read **Isaiah 57: 1 -2** preferably in the **ESV** version and prayerfully think about what it says. Share your thoughts.

Reread **2 Samuel 12:20**. It is a strange reaction to the death of his child. David arises, cleans himself up and goes to the House of the Lord and worships. The man who was hiding from God now goes to meet God. The cover-up expert is now uncovered and is willing to meet the Lord. What would you have done if you were in David's shoes? Why was David willing to do what he did? (**2 Samuel 12: 22,23**).

Now, look at **Psalms 51: 16, 17** – what offering did David bring before the Lord? Are you prepared to give up everything to the God who gave everything, even His own Son Jesus, for us? Are you willing to surrender your life to the Lord?