

David Sins Against God



MEMORY VERSE: "But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:9



2 SAMUEL 12:1-6 Nathan Tells a Story

1. Nathan was a prophet, one who hears God's voice and helps people understand God's words. He told a story to David to help him understand that he had sinned. vv. 1-4
How did the poor man treat his little sheep? What did the rich man do when a guest arrived at his home?

2. Why do you think the rich man did this to the poor man's lamb when he had such wealth and so many sheep of his own?

3. How did David think the rich man should be punished? What do you think?



2 SAMUEL 12:7-10 Consequences of David's Sin

4. Sometimes being a prophet means saying difficult things. What did Nathan tell David? vv. 7-8

5. What was David's "horrible deed?" vv. 9
What would be the consequence of David's sin? vv. 10

6. Considering how many blessings David had from the Lord, why do you think he didn't just ask God for what he wanted?



7. In verse 13, what did David say about what he had done? Why do you think that when we sin, it is "against the Lord?"

8. David wrote Psalm 51 during this time.
What did he say about God's Character?

What was David asking God for?

9. What do we learn from how David repents in this Psalm?

10. Knowing David's repentant heart, what did Nathan tell him God would do? God forgave David but didn't take away his consequences. Why is that? Is this the same for us?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Even David, a man after God's own heart, is a sinner. David has seemed so perfect up to this point, but the fact is, no one but God is perfect. Sin is so hard and yucky, but as humans, we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. But when we confess our sins to God, He forgives us! Jesus died for us because we are sinners. You can't be perfect but you can bring your sin before God and let Him wash you clean!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Jesus my Savior, because of my faith in you when I confess my sins to You, You promise to forgive me and make me right with You again! Make me strong with the help of your Holy Spirit to follow the way of the Bible. Thank You for always listening when I call out to you. I love You. In the great name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



David genuinely repented. David is a good example to us. When confronted with our sin, we should immediately repent without offering any excuse. Especially since we know that God is loving, merciful, and wants to forgive us!

How does this lesson inspire or challenge you in your own life?

2 Samuel 12:1-13; Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12(NLT)

2 Samuel 12:1-6 Nathan Rebukes David

1 So the Lord sent Nathan the prophet to tell David this story: "There were two men in a certain town. One was rich, and one was poor. 2 The rich man owned a great many sheep and cattle. 3 The poor man owned nothing but one little lamb he had bought. He raised that little lamb, and it grew up with his children. It ate from the man's own plate and drank from his cup. He cuddled it in his arms like a baby daughter. 4 One day a guest arrived at the home of the rich man. But instead of killing an animal from his own flock or herd, he took the poor man's lamb and killed it and prepared it for his guest." 5 David was furious. "As surely as the Lord lives," he vowed, "any man who would do such a thing deserves to die! 6 He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity."

7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are that man! The Lord, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. 8 I gave you your master's house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. 9 Why, then, have you despised the word of the Lord and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife. 10 From this time on, your family will live by the sword because you have despised me by taking Uriah's wife to be your own."

13 Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied, "Yes, but the Lord has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin."

Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

1 Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.
2 Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.
3 For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.
4 Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight.
You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.

11 Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

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