



More Sins, Please

Bible Study

[**Please provide:** musical accompaniment; Bibles and copies of the first two pages of the Bible study for attendees.]

It seems like it is so easy to fall into sin. Often it is justified by telling yourself, “No one is looking. What will it hurt if I ...” Or, we may try to cover one sin by quickly committing another. Who is going to know? Does God really care when we act like this?

Read 2 Samuel 11:1-5. What two sins did David commit in these verses?

When King David saw Bathsheba bathing on the rooftop, he may have been thinking, “What will it hurt if I send for this beautiful woman?” He rationalized by thinking no one would ever know if he spent time with her. David’s lust when he saw Bathsheba was his first sin; that led to his second sin of committing adultery with her. Now David has received word that Bathsheba is pregnant. Instead of confessing his sin, what does David do?

Read 2 Samuel 11:6-13.

But, David’s plan to trick Uriah into going home to Bathsheba failed. What was David’s next plan? **Read** 2 Samuel 11:14-15.

The snowball of sin was growing larger and larger for King David. What began as lust, grew into adultery, and now included murder. **Read** 2 Samuel 11:16-25 that tells about the battle in which Uriah died. When the messenger told David about Uriah’s death, how did David react? **See** 2 Samuel 11:25.

King David had a very casual, almost laid back, reaction to the news about Uriah’s death. On the surface, it appears that David is getting rather good at sinning and covering his tracks. But how does this chapter end? **Read** 2 Samuel 11:26-27.

At the end of this chapter, it would almost seem that King David is breathing a sigh of relief. He has successfully hidden the adultery and Bathsheba’s pregnancy by a skillfully engineered battle plan that results in Uriah’s death. No one seems to be the wiser. However,

David's story of his sin with Bathsheba does not end there. How does God use the prophet Nathan to reveal David's sin to him? **Read** 2 Samuel 12:1-12.

David acknowledges his sin to Nathan. How does Nathan respond? **Read** 2 Samuel 12:13-14.

Despite David's confession, there was still a price for his sin. To put it even more accurately, David's **son** must pay the price for the sin committed by his mother and father. Even when we think our sins are done in secret, or are unknown to others, the burden that sin brings with it is always evident. There is always a price for our sins.

Yet we can have peace because we no longer have to carry the burden for our sins. This was not the only time a son of David bore the burden of sin. What other son of David paid the price for sin? **See** Matthew 1:6, 16, 20-21.

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, of what are we assured? **See** 1 John 1:9 and Ephesians 1:7.

Like David, if we confess our sins, we can be assured that whatever we have done, however we have sinned, regardless of the amount of guilt we carry, we are forgiven. Our sins have been taken away by Jesus' death and resurrection! We are free! **See** Galatians 5:1.

Rejoice in your freedom from sin as you sing together the first verse of "By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless" (TLH 373, LSB 566, LW 351).

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?
Nay; then this word must true remain:
By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n obtain.

Scripture references are from the NIV.

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- 2 Samuel 11:1-5 The two sins were lust and adultery.
- 2 Samuel 11:6-13 David sends for Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, in an attempt to lure him back home and get him to sleep with his wife.
- 2 Samuel 11:14-15 David was going to have Uriah killed in battle.
- 2 Samuel 11:25 David had a very casual reaction, almost as if to say, "Oh, well, death happens."
- 2 Samuel 11:26-27 The chapter ends with God being displeased with King David for his sins.
- 2 Samuel 12:1-12 Nathan told David a story about a poor man who had one ewe lamb. A rich man prepared this little ewe instead of one of his lambs to use as a meal for a traveler. This made David angry. He said the man deserved to die and should repay the poor man four times over for what he had done. Then Nathan tells David that he is the man who committed this offense.
- 2 Samuel 12:13-14 Nathan tells David that God has forgiven his sin; however, his son is going to die.
- Matthew 1:6,16,20-21 Jesus was David's other Son, who bore the sins of the world.
- 1 John 1:9 and
Ephesians 1:7 We are assured of the forgiveness of sins.

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