

2 Samuel 10 - 11

David's Sin

Lesson 13

David was comfortable in his house of cedar which lead him to think about the Lord living in a tent. David's heart's desire was to build a house that was fitting for the Lord. But God told David "no". Rather than David building a house for the Lord, He would build the house of David (his reign) to last forever. Humbled, David sat before the Lord and offered a prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

Death of a Friend - 10:1-5

1. King Nahash of the Ammonites was a friend of King David. When he died, what did David do? (vs. 1-2)
2. What counsel did the Ammonite nobles give to Nahash's son Hanun? (vs. 3)
3. How did Hanun "welcome" David's delegation? (vs. 4)
4. David had sent the delegation to express sympathy but they returned _____. (vs. 5a) What were David's instructions? (vs. 5b)

War With the Ammonites - 10:6 - 10:19

5. When the Ammonites realized the effect of what they had done, how many soldiers did they hire to help them? (vs. 6)
6. When David heard that the Ammonites had hired military help, how many of Israel's soldiers did he send in response? (vs. 7)
7. When Commander Joab assessed the situation, what was his strategy? (vs. 9-11)

8. Where did Joab find his strength? (vs. 12)
9. How did this battle end? (vs. 13, 14)
10. Then what took place? (vs. 15, 16)
11. Who led Israel into this second battle? (vs. 17)
12. How did the second battle end?
 - 10:18
 - 10:19a
 - 10:19b

David's Sin - 11:1-27

13. 2 Samuel 11:1 sets up the next part of the story beginning with the key phrase, "in the spring, at the time when _____."
- What did King David do?
- Where was King David located?
14. One evening David was walking on the palace roof looking over Jerusalem. What did David: (vs. 2, 3)
 - See?
 - Do?
15. The woman was Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite, one of David's mighty men. When he learned her identity, what did David do? (vs. 4)

16. What was the result? (vs. 5)

17. How did David try to cover up this situation? (vs. 6-8)

18. But Uriah didn't do what David expected. What reason did he give? (vs. 9-11)
 - How would you describe Uriah's character?

19. David said that Uriah could return to the battlefield the following day. In the meantime, what was David's second plan? (vs. 12-13a)
 - Did that work? (vs. 13b)

20. What was David's third and final plan? (vs. 14-15)

21. What was the result of David's instructions? (vs. 16-17)

22. Joab sent word to David of the battle. The messenger was warned that the king might get angry. What was the messenger to say to the king? (vs. 18-21)

23. The messenger did as he was instructed by Joab, (vs. 2-24) giving David the full details of the battle. What was David's return message to Joab? (vs. 25)

24. How did Bathsheba feel about all that had happened? (vs. 26)
25. How did David "solve" his "problem"? (vs. 27a)
26. David's problem may have been solved in his mind, but what was the truth?
(vs. 27b)

Think about it!

The story of David and Bathsheba is well known throughout history. The Bible includes such stories to teach us what not to do as well as what to do and what God requires of us. Next week we will see the consequence of this sin but before then, reread the story, then reflect on David's sin.

What was the circumstance at the time?

Where did this sin begin?

How did David deal with the results of his sin?

How was this problem handled differently than at other times in David's life?

Whom did this sin affect?

What lesson can you learn from David's sin?