

2 Samuel 12 - 13

The Consequences of Sin

Lesson 14

David's sin was threefold: coveting, adultery and murder. Although he thought he had successfully covered up everything, God knew everything and it "displeased the Lord."

Nathan Confronts David - 12:1-31

1. Who sent Nathan to David? (vs. 12:1a)
2. Nathan told David about a situation between two men that needed his judgment. One man was _____ and the other _____. (12:1b) The first had a _____ of sheep while the second had _____. (vs. 2-3)
3. The problem began when a traveler came to visit the first man. What did he do? (vs. 4)
4. What was David's reaction to Nathan's story? (vs. 5a)
5. Calling upon the Lord as his witness, what was David's judgment of the situation? (vs. 5b)
6. What shocking message did Nathan give to David? (vs. 7a)
7. Nathan continued with God's message to David reminding him who God is. (vs. 7b-8)
 - I _____ you king
 - I _____ you from Saul
 - I _____ your master's house to you and his wives
 - I _____ you the house of Israel and Judah
 - And if _____
 - I _____ given you _____
8. How did the Lord see David's behavior? (vs. 12:9)

9. What consequence would David experience as a result of striking down Uriah with a sword? (vs. 10)
10. What would the consequence be for coveting and committing adultery? (vs. 11-12)
11. When David heard God's account of his sins done in secret, and God's judgment, what was his immediate response? (vs. 13a)
12. That answer is very important to understanding David, and why God called him "a man after my own heart." (Acts 13:22) The Bible shows that David was not perfect, but when he recognized that he had sinned, he immediately repented and turned back to the Lord. But as we shall see, sin has consequences.
 - What good news did Nathan deliver to David? (vs. 13b)
 - What was the bad news? (vs. 14)
13. What did David do? (vs. 16-17)
14. What happened on the seventh day? (vs. 18a)
15. The servants were very concerned about David. When he received the news, what did David do that surprised his servants? (vs. 18b-20)
16. When they questioned his behavior, what was David's explanation? (vs. 22-23b)
17. Look closely at the last sentence of verse 23. What did David understand about death?
18. David comforted Bathsheba and the Lord blessed them with a son they named Solomon. What was said about the Lord's thoughts of Solomon? (vs. 24-25)

19. While this was taking place in the palace, Joab and the army were still fighting the Ammonites. What was the key factor in conquering their capitol? (vs. 27)
20. At this point David went to the battle and claimed the victory. What symbolic act finalized the conquest? (vs. 30)

With the Ammonites subject to David, the army and the king returned to Jerusalem.

Family Trouble - 13:1-21

21. The Lord told David (in advance) his sin would have family consequences which is first seen between his sons Amnon and Absalom. Referring back to 2 Samuel 3:2-3:
 - Amnon was son number _____,
 - Amnon's mother was _____ from _____
 - Absalom was son number _____
 - Absalom's mother was _____ from _____
 - Who was Tamar? (vs. 13:1)
22. What was said about Amnon's feelings for Tamar? (vs. 1-2)
23. What information was given about Jonadab? (vs. 3)
24. Jonadab asked Amnon why he looked so haggard and was told he was in love with Absalom's sister. What was Jonadab's plan to solve Amnon's dilemma? (vs. 5)
25. Amnon followed Jonadab's plan. What was David's response? (vs. 7)
26. Tamar followed the king's orders. What did Amnon demand as she was preparing his food? (vs. 8-10)
27. What happened when she brought Amnon the requested food? (vs. 11)

28. What was Tamar's response? (vs. 12-13)
29. How did Amnon respond to Tamar's plea? (vs. 14)
30. Then what did Amnon feel for Tamar and do? (vs. 15-18a)
31. As Tamar left, what did she do? (vs. 18b-19)
32. Who did Tamar flee to? (vs. 20)
33. When David heard what Amnon had done, what was his reaction? (vs. 21)
34. What about Absalom? (vs. 22)

Murder in the House of David - 13:23 - 39

35. How long did Absalom wait before he took action? (vs. 23)
36. What did Absalom request of the king? (vs. 24)
37. Why did David refuse? (vs. 25)
38. What was Absalom's second request? (vs. 26a)
39. Did David agree? (vs. 26b-27)
40. What was Absalom's order to his men? (vs. 28)

41. How did that turn out? (vs. 29)
42. What news was delivered immediately to David? (vs. 30)
43. Who was the one to come with "good news" and to help David understand the truth of the situation? (vs. 32-33)
44. What did Absalom do? (vs. 34a & 37a)
45. What about David? (vs. 36, 37b)
46. How long was Absalom gone? (vs. 38)
47. What was David's attitude toward Absalom? (vs. 39)

Think about it!

As you reflect on this story, how would you describe David's relationship with his sons?

What do you think David could have done to change the situation with:

- Amnon
- Absalom
- Tamar