

# David's Sin

2 Sam. 11:1-5

## Introduction:

- A. A black chapter in life of a great man
  - 1. Was man after God's hear. (1 Sam. 13:14)
  - 2. A forerunner of the Messiah.
  - 3. Yet, remembered by many because of this affair.
- B. A great lesson about the characteristics of sin

## Discussion:

### I. The Progression of David's Sin

- A. One thing led to another.
  - 1. Idleness. (v. 1; cf. 1 Tim. 5:13)
  - 2. Lust. (v. 2; cf. Matt. 5:28)
  - 3. Fornication. (vv. 3,4)
  - 4. Treachery. (vv. 6-15)
  - 5. Virtual murder. (14-17)
- B. One thing often leads to another.
  - 1. Peter (Matt. 26:58-75): afar off; denied and lied; denied with an oath; cursed and swore.
  - 2. Persecution: Threat (Acts 4:17); prison (Acts 5:18); beating (Acts 5:40); murder (Acts 7:59)
  - 3. Apostasy (2 Tim. 4:3,4): Will not endure ; Heap teachers; Turn from truth; Turn to fables.
  - 4. Drifting away: Miss occasionally, More frequently, lose interest, entangled in other matters.
  - 5. Digression: Christian churches, Liberal brethren.

### II. The Power of David's Sin

- A. It over-powered him through lust.
  - 1. Should not have let lust conceive (Jas. 1:15)
  - 2. Should have fled at beginning (cf. 1 Cor. 6:18; 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Cor. 10:14)
- B. It blinded him until Nathan said "You are the man"
  - 1. Could see his sin in principle. (12:1-6)
  - 2. Had to have someone get specific with him. (12:7)

### III. The Punishment of David's Sin

- A. "The sword shall never depart from your house..." (12:10)
  - 1. Amnon rapes half-sister daughter - Absalom avenges (ch. 13)
  - 2. Absalom's treason against David. (ch. 15)
- B. The vigil and death of child. (12:13 ff)
- C. The agony of his remorse. (Ps. 51:3,4)

### IV. The Penitence of David's Sin

- A. He did only thing could do - confess and repent. (Psa. 32:1-5; cf. 1 John 1:7-2:1)
- B. He was forgiven (v. 13), "however..." (v.14).

## Conclusion:

- A. Let us learn to nip sin in the bud, before it progresses.
- B. Let us learn that sin can have a powerful hold on us.
- C. Let us learn that sin must and will be punished.
- D. Let us learn that sin always requires repentance.