

# “My Sin Is Ever Before Me”

## Psalm 51:1-4

### Introduction:

- A. David likely refers to his sin with Bathsheba..
- B. Does this case show that national leaders should be forgiven without further consequences?
- C. Does not this case show how terrible and far reaching sin can be – even forgiven sin?
- D. In fact, David and Bathsheba illustrates several important facets of sin:

### Discussion:

#### II. The Attractiveness of Sin.

- A. David’s attraction to Bathsheba (2 Sam 11:2-4)
  - 1. David could enjoy a relationship with beautiful woman.
  - 2. Bathsheba could have a relationship with the king.
  - 3. Like Eve’s attraction to the forbidden fruit (Gen. 3:6)
- B. Sin does have its pleasant side – else would not be attractive (cf. Heb. 11:25)
- C. Sin always appears to be beautiful, or pleasant, or advantageous.
- D. The ugliness of sin is seldom self-evident.
  - 1. One has to learn it from divine truth.
  - 2. Or from experience – personal and of others.

#### III. The Accumulativeness of Sin.

- A. Sin is like potato chips – seldom eat one.
- B. The accumulative nature of David’s sin.
  - 1. Idleness (v. 1; cf. 1 Tim. 5:13)
  - 2. Fornication (vv. 3-4).
  - 3. Attempt to cover-up (vv. 6-13).
  - 4. Murder (vv. 14-17).
- C. Unless nipped in the bud, sin has a way of getting out of hand.
  - 1. Few Alcoholics start out to be drunks.
  - 2. Few broken homes start out to be so.
  - 3. Few back sliders start out to quit the Lord.

#### IV. The Acknowledgment of Sin.

- A. First, David had to make self-application (2 Sam. 12:1-9).
  - 1. Easy to see principle when applied to others.
  - 2. Hard to see principle when applied to self.
  - 3. Cannot just preach principles, must specifically apply.
- B. Then David confessed his sin and was forgiven (2 Sam. 12:13).
  - 1. Later describes it. (Psa. 32:1-5).
  - 2. Shows the one to whom God does not impute sin - the forgiven one (cf. Rom. 4:8).
- C. David enjoyed forgiveness (cf. Psa. 103:12)

#### V. The Aftermath of Sin.

- A. Forgiveness did not end the matter. (2 Sam. 12:10-14; Note “however” in v. 14).
  - 1. The vigil and death of the child (12:13ff)
  - 2. His son Amnon raped his half sister (Ch. 13)
  - 3. Absalom takes vengeance after two years.
  - 4. Absalom commits treason against David -- more violence (Ch. 16).
  - 5. Absalom commits sin with David’s wives (ch. 16:22).
  - 6. David’s was never able to forget it (cf. Psa. 51:3,4).
- B. Forgiveness heals the wound (guilt), but not the scars of sin.
  - 1. Awareness of what one has done (cf. Paul).
  - 2. Physical, emotional, socials and civil consequences.

### Conclusion:

- A. God’s mercy and forgiveness is too wonderful describe.
- B. Forgiveness removes spiritual and eternal consequences of sin – not the physical and temporal.

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His sin with Bath. ☐ Nation leaders forgiven w/o consequences? ☐ How terrible & far reaching - even forgiven? ☐ In fact, illustrates several important facets:

**The Attractiveness of Sin.**

☐ **David’s attraction (2 Sam 11:2-4)** ☐ David-beautiful woman ☐ Bath. with the king! ☐ Like Eve (Gen. 3:6)

☐ **Sin has pleasant side (Heb. 11:25)** ☐ beautiful or pleasant or advantageous

☐ **Ugliness seldom self-evident**

**The Accumulativeness of Sin**

☐ **Potato chips**

☐ **David’s sin** ☐ Idleness (v. 1; 1 Tm 5:13) ☐ Fornication (vv 3-4) ☐ Cover-up (vv 6-13) ☐ Murder (vv 14-17).

☐ **Unless nipped, out of hand** ☐ Alcoholics ☐ Broken homes ☐ Backsliders.

**The Acknowledgment of Sin**

☐ **First, self-application (2 Sam 12:1-9)** ☐ Easy to others ☐ Hard to self ☐ Not just preach principles.

☐ **Then, confessed & forgiven (2 Sam 12:13)** ☐ Psa. 32:1-5) ☐ (cf. Rm 4:8). ☐ Enjoyed forgiveness (Ps 103:2)

**The Aftermath of Sin**

☐ **Forgiveness not end (2 Sam 12:10-14 - “however”)** ☐ Death of child (12:13 ff) ☐ Amnon’s rape (ch 13) ☐ Absalom’s revenge - 2 yrs ☐ Absalom’s treason - more violence (ch. 16) ☐ Absalom & David’s wives (16:22) ☐ David not able to forget (cf. Ps 51)

☐ **Forgiveness heals, not scar** ☐ Paul ☐ Physical, emotional, social, civil

Mercy & forgive wonderful ☐ sp & etern not phy & tmp